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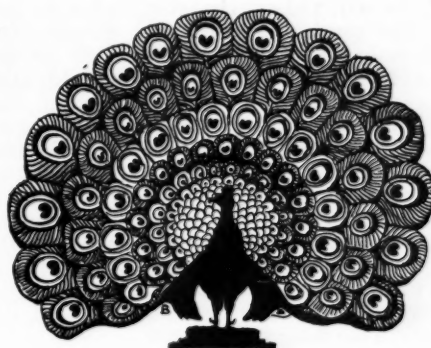
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*From Bounteous Heaven All Riches Flow*  
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God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm."

*Cowper*

# BOUNTEOUS WEALTH



**M**EN ARE PRONE to boast of their own ability to acquire wealth, unmindful of the fact that, unless God grants prosperity to us, all of our labors are in vain. Because the trend among men is to forget God during prolonged periods of prosperity, the instructions given through Moses to His people were:

"When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. . . . And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth." (Deut. 8: 10-14 & 17-18.)

America is a goodly land and we should indeed be thankful for His bounteous blessings upon us and upon our undertakings. Dotting our land from coast to coast and from north to south are fine homes, great cities and pleasant farms. Green gardens of nutritious foodstuffs, wide fields of waving grain, and well-fed cattle grazing upon a thousand hills, are all part of the American scene. There is plenty of gold and silver, providing a standard of living far above that of any other land upon the face of the whole earth. From our farms and cities come a ceaseless flow of untold wealth in the yield of field and forest and in manufactured products.

But because seedtime and harvest follow each other with the regularity of the return of each season, men today presumptuously take personal credit for the great prosperity which has been ours to enjoy, attributing it to their labors alone. As a nation we are in mortal danger of losing our wealth and being reduced to a condition of poverty if we do not awaken to the realization that, unless God prospers us and sends upon our land His "rain in due season," all our labors will be for naught.

This is the land blessed with the abundance promised to the posterity of Joseph, of whom Moses was speaking when he said: "Blessed of the Lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath. And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun. . . . And for the precious things of the earth and the fulness thereof" (Deut. 33: 13-16).

But we also have God's warning: "And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroyed before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God" (Deut. 8: 19-20).

Lest some will say we modern, enlightened Americans do not worship other gods, let us name just a few — progress, science, technical achievements, our own financial astuteness. These are some of the many gods the people of this generation have set up to take the place of the Lord God of Israel, bowing down and worshipping them. So the prosperity in which we have gloried is about to pass away as the judgments of the Lord increase upon the land and the pressure of the enemy brings us austerity in the place of abundance. This is because we have forgotten the Lord our God and attributed the blessings which He has bestowed upon us from heaven to our own ability, saying in our hearts, "My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth." The Psalmist puts it well when he reminds us: "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain" (Ps. 127: 1).

If, however, we will remember the Lord to honor Him, keeping His commandments and obeying His will, Moses declared: "The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand" (Deut. 28: 12). When we do this the peace and quietness of the countryside will be preserved, with prosperity and plenty for all to enjoy, and the enemy who is planning to regiment and enslave us will suffer overwhelming defeat. Herein lies the solution to all our problems, those on the domestic front and those involving international issues as well.

**Y**OUR attention, as you read this publication, is directed toward the destinies of the nations of the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the *only* authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its *national phase*, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all shortly take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race and it is very probable that *you* are of that race, thus both the Bible and DESTINY deserve your consideration and study.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who have seen God's hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit organization — which is undenominational — to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense — and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By

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what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

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*Israel!* To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for *service*. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed

His own name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when clearly understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. We emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, however, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is *essential* to an understanding of the prophecies and plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. We find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lived in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King.

Thus we stand for *the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ!* In large and general terms, this defines our position. We are anti-nothing and pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today — the same people with the same work — now nearing the time of the full entry of the rule of God among men.

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## THE MARCH OF HISTORY

### UNDER THE GODLESS BANNER

THE MOST DISQUIETING feature about our involvement in Korea in an endeavor to stop Communist aggression is the fact that the United States of America chose to fight under the banner of the United Nations. This fact alone bodes ill for our welfare in battle and will not redound to victory for us over the enemy we are fighting against.

Great Britain found out to her sorrow that the mandate to Palestine from the League of Nations, and later the United Nations, was disastrous for her. In *DESTINY* for December 1947 we said:

"For thirty years Great Britain has exercised her authority over Palestine under a mandate from heathen nations and not as the rightful possessor of the land of her forefathers. Now, at the end of those thirty years, she is being forced to withdraw. God intended that Israel should take possession of the land directly from Him and not from an ungodly league of nations."

Today, as an important branch of the House of Israel, the United States of America is making the same mistake in assuming that a mandate from the UN to fight Communist aggression is tantamount to victory. The UN has no power to assure victory of arms to anyone who goes to war in its behalf. Heathen nations sit in its counsels and today have a voice in shaping the policies which are sending our young men into battle to die on foreign soil. In his radio broadcast of the news on July 29th, Bill Cunningham of *The Boston Herald* stated: "We have to win because we are on God's side." But is God with the UN which has ignored Him and refused to give thanks to Him in prayer or ask His counsel?

The vicious tyrants ruling in Soviet Russia have declared war upon God and they are furnishing the military leadership in the North Korean assault. At the same time their representatives have a major voice in UN deliberations. The incongruity of this situation is without parallel in history.

As a nation we already have a command from Jehovah our God concerning the ungodly Amalekites who are represented today in the present leadership in Soviet

Russia. This we have completely ignored, together with the fact that God has said of this nation:

"I am against thee, O Gog [Russia], the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal." (Ez. 38: 3.)

Long ago it was revealed to our forefathers that God had taken a solemn oath concerning Amalek:

"The Lord hath sworn that the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation." (Ex. 17: 16.)

Through Moses a command was issued to His people concerning the Amalekites:

"Thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it." (Deut. 25: 19.)

The reason for this Divine judgment upon Amalek is given in the marginal rendering of Exodus 17: 16:

"Because the hand of Amalek is against the throne of the Lord."

Present Soviet opposition to God and to His Son Jesus Christ clearly demonstrates the accuracy of this ancient prediction as it applies to the ungodly rulers in the Kremlin. The United States does not need to have sanction from the UN to oppose the evil aggression of these godless tyrants. But as a nation we have forgotten this Divine mandate calling upon us to fight against the evil and aggressive Amalekites. Fearful of going into battle in our own right under the Stars and Stripes blessed by God, we have preferred to send out our men to fight under the godless banner of the UN.

How can we expect God to prosper us in such an undertaking? Actually, we can look for Communist gains and Soviet military successes in many parts of the globe until as a people we become willing to fulfill our God-given task to blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven, moving against the Kremlin and those in our own land in alliance with Soviet Russia, doing so in the power and might of Jehovah, the God of Israel, whom these evil and tyrannical leaders have defied.

Would to God we had national leaders in Washington with the courage and spirit of David who, when he went forth to meet Goliath, said to that giant foe of Israel:

"Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied." (1 Sam. 17: 45.)

It will not be until as a nation we are ready spiritually to stand alone against a foe responsible for so much suffering in the world today that success will crown our efforts and bring us victory over the evil aggression of Soviet Russia. Then and then only will the Lord use us as His battle ax and weapons of war to destroy the enemy and bring to pass the fulfillment of His promise

"Then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. For mine angel shall go before thee." (Ex. 23: 22-23.)

How can we expect the Angel of the Lord to go into battle with His people when they have preferred to raise the banner of the God-ignoring United Nations organization over their fighting forces instead of allowing the heaven-blessed colors of Old Glory to precede them into battle! The comfort and assurance of God's presence when an enemy, strong and powerful, has come against us is entirely absent under these conditions.

It is a pity that as a nation we are so blind, with blind leaders at Washington leading the blind. Because we lack spiritual perception, thousands of our young men will die upon the field of battle, sacrificed to the failure of the people to recognize and act upon the simple statement of faith so clearly stamped upon our coins, which reads, "In God we trust." Our present acts belie these words, for it is the UN in whom we have placed our trust as we rely upon the prestige of a godless group of nations for the victory that cannot be attained apart from the Divine intervention of Jehovah, the God of Israel. God will not intervene in behalf of the UN but only to save His people when their unholy alliance is broken and they turn to Him with their whole hearts in supplication and prayer.

## DEATH AND HELL

GOD'S APPRAISAL OF OUR COVENANT WITH THE UN, whose orders we are taking in the conduct of the present conflict in Korea, is set forth through Isaiah as "a covenant with death," while, by our endeavor to sit in concord with Russia in the UN councils, we are declared to be *in agreement with Hell*. The reason for this is clear, for Russia herself, through the veto power, dominates the UN in the interests of unrighteousness and, under the articles of agreement, we are consenting to her evil acts. Even though there are member nations in the UN who try at times to move according to the principles of justice, the Kremlin, through its use of the veto power, hamstringing their good intentions.

Because covenant relations with the UN brings all of its members together in agreement on conduct and procedure, we are in an unholy alliance with Soviet Russia as a member of the UN. It was pointed out in "Giants of the Darkness" (*Study in Daniel*, \* page 395) that evil, malignant and terrifying, spawned from the Bottomless Pit, actuates the leaders of the Kremlin as they press the battle in this

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critical hour of their warfare against God. Is it any wonder that the Lord accuses us of being in agreement with Hell! And God has more to say through His Prophet Isaiah:

"Because ye have said, We have made [*i.e.*, solemnized] a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves." (Isa. 28: 15.)

This is how God describes the UN, which men and nations have been expecting to prevent future wars. In this respect the prophet declares the UN to be nothing more than a refuge of lies and a stronghold of falsehoods. We know it to be a league ostensibly working for peace but being used by Soviet Russia to perpetuate war. All who today assume this organization to be potent in the prevention of the coming scourge of world-wide conflagration are informed by the prophet that their expectations are destined to complete disillusionment. How can it be otherwise? As stated in the *American Letter*, Whaley-Eaton Service, date-lined July 29th:

"A Communist, Malik, will preside over the Security Council in August. He will thus have access to all information from MacArthur. Was there ever before such a fantastic situation!"

That such a situation could exist to jeopardize the lives of our young men fighting in Korea — and who will be fighting elsewhere — also emphasizes the fact that we have made a covenant with death and we are certainly in agreement with Hell.

Now note carefully the judgment pronounced upon the UN, showing it to be anything but a source of strength in the coming overwhelming destructiveness of world-wide conflict:

"But hail shall throw down all the refuge of lies, And floods wash your den, and abolish your treaty with Death, and your League with the Pit [Hell] will not stand in the rush, When it passes and you are trod down!" (Isa. 28: 17-18, *Ferrar Fenton Trans.*)

Thus, war in all its fury is to destroy the effectiveness of the UN and confound all those who have relied upon this world organization for protection. Also, the agreement that has enabled Soviet Russia to do about as she pleases will no longer be tolerated as the conflict sweeps away all further acquiescence in her duplicity. The severity of judgment upon God's people who have turned away from Him and honored the godless UN is now set forth succinctly by the prophet in his description of the overwhelmingly disastrous events of the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord:

"It will seize, as it passes, on you, as the Dusk and Dusk passes to Morn or to Night, and will come on with terror to sight and to hearing." (Isa. 28: 19, *Ferrar Fenton Trans.*)

No wonder Zephaniah prophesied of that day:

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned

against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath." (Zeph. 1: 14-18.)

It is far from pleasant to contemplate all this, for, as Isaiah declares, it will come on with terror to sight and to hearing. He indicates destruction by day and by night, perhaps in the round-the-clock bombings, bringing disaster and death to those who have been relying upon the UN for protection. It is certain that the prophet is describing the scourge of modern warfare, with its fearful weapons of destruction which will terrify men and nations.

But there are words of comfort for God's people even in the midst of the description of the fearful destruction that the UN will be unable to prevent. In the coming holocaust God will move to destroy the covenant with death and the agreement with Hell:

"Therefore thus says the Lord God, 'Behold! I am laying in Zion a stone, A well-tested stone, A precious stone, as the cornerstone of a sure foundation: He who believes shall not be worried. And I will make justice the measuring-line, And righteousness the plummet.'" (Isa. 28: 16-17, *Smith and Goodspeed Trans.*)

"He who believes shall not be worried." In the midst of all the sights and sounds that will bring terror to the hearts of others, those who know that the sure foundation for lasting peace has been laid in Zion will not be afraid. The admonition here is for God's people to turn to the righteousness of His laws and seek the equity and justice of the administration of His Kingdom. Only thus can they hope to be delivered from future evil. Let us follow the advice of Isaiah:

"Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." (Isa. 8: 13.)

If we will follow this counsel, then the Angel of the Lord will accompany our armed forces into battle to deliver us from the enemy, even though that enemy may outnumber us many times. Thus did God deliver our forefathers in the past and He is ready and willing to do so again today when we comply with the conditions which will enable Him to come to our rescue.

## THE PLOT THICKENS

THE GROUNDWORK for sucking us into the maelstrom of World War III was laid at Yalta and Teheran. Now war has suddenly become an actuality for us as our boys meet the enemy in Korea in the first phase of a shooting war that is developing into a sanguinary struggle for world power on the part of the rulers of the hidden empire.\*

An essential factor in the bid for world rule is the establishment of all-out controls on the home front. We are fully aware of the need of marshaling all our national strength to meet the menace of Soviet aggression, but we are also aware that war can be made the excuse for regimentation of all civilians on a scale that will give to a few complete control over all the citizens of this great nation, enabling them to assume the authority and power of total rulership.

Could it be that the handling of our foreign policy in regard to China, sabotaging the government of Chiang Kai-shek, and the present commitments in Korea are only

a part of an over-all plan for the ultimate destruction of our way of life and the permanent establishment of a planned economy? Was the ostensible bungling in the handling of affairs with the Kremlin during the last five years also a part of such a deliberate plan? Alger Hiss, for one, occupied a prominent place, particularly in the organization of the UN, which has provided Russia with excellent vantage ground from which to sabotage all efforts to establish peace.

A united effort is sorely needed to meet and defeat the enemy, but also we must not overlook the possibility of subtle moves on the part of the foe within who at this very moment is endeavoring to gain control of our nation, using war as the excuse to take the authority needed for this purpose.

This is no figment of the imagination, for such a conspiracy does exist as fully outlined in "The Iniquitous Empire: A Great Mystery," *DESTINY* for March 1950, in which it was stated:

"Thoughtful men and women have long recognized the existence of a secret group of would-be world rulers whose activities have been manifested principally through the power of money and financial control. For example, a study of the history of the Nihilists, the *Illuminati*, the Fabians and the House of Rothschild supplies ample evidence of the existence of such a cabal. These unseen rulers have exerted a tremendous influence upon all governments and have extended their ruthless controls over the economic, political, financial and intellectual affairs of mankind. Even religion itself has come under their baneful influence.

"Since these concealed forces stand behind every phase of man's undertakings — cultural, governmental, ecclesiastical — they represent a hidden, iniquitous empire, able to maneuver policies and programs in their favor wherever they will to do so. Their weapons are influence, sometimes coercion, camouflage, subtle propaganda, secret agreements and secret diplomacy; the dominion of their empire is any country, or from country to country, or in many countries at once, where they exercise their hidden influence behind the scenes. Their ultimate objective is the seizure of world-wide authority to enthrone themselves in universal rule."

History has revealed that powerful men behind the scenes have been able to make or break political leaders and have the power to make war against any nation that dares to interfere with their plans. Their ability to influence policies was clearly illustrated in the recent presentation by Bernard Baruch before the Senate Banking Committee of the need to at once freeze prices, wages and rents, with the iron-clad control of our entire economy bringing immediately into being complete regimentation of all industry and the extension of controls over all individuals. The move toward total war sets the stage for the presentation of this program. As stated in *Human Events* for July 26, 1950:

"It is curious how few people ask the \$64 question: Do the nations which adopt total mobilization actually win their wars? Germany, the greatest exponent of total mobilization, lost its last two wars. The gradual spread of total mobilization all over the Western world has had truly disastrous results. Wars have become more brutal, war objectives more manic; fruits of victory more infinitesimal. The periods between open wars have grown shorter, and the descent to barbarism has gained increasing speed."

Because we have not refilled our reservoirs, *Human Events* points out that total mobilization under the suffocating

\* See "World Rule in the Balance," *DESTINY* for June 1950.

rule of the planners could mean defeat. Is this the ultimate aim of the men behind the scenes? Is Mr. Baruch the spokesman for these hidden rulers who required his sudden and dramatic appearance before the above Committee for the purpose of advocating the immediate establishment of controls? It is certain that the adverse situation in Korea furnishes a splendid background to put over this program, providing a perfect excuse to condition all Americans for the eventual result — the establishment of a police state.

Actually, a minimum of controls, coupled with the voluntary support of the citizens of this great nation, helping their government to win the present conflict, would produce far more than can be secured by any other method. The American people always rise to an emergency when the situation is put squarely before them. But this would not be to the liking of the powerful forces which are not so much concerned as to whether we win the present conflict as they are in obtaining their objective; that is, complete control over the nation.

Unfortunately, there are too many men connected with the administration in Washington who like controls for the sake of controls and it is easy for those behind the scenes to work through them. Once the hidden rulers have made their position secure by the establishment of iron-clad controls, it will be found that Soviet Russia is also a part of their empire, having been used to compel the Anglo-Saxon peoples to toe the mark and become a part, along with the Russians, of a general world-wide program of regimentation and enslavement.

The following editorial, couched in thinly-veiled sarcasm, appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* of August 1st under the title, "How to Run a War," and is worthy of serious consideration:

"If war threatens, the governing authorities ought immediately to take those actions which are most irrelevant.

"First they should ration and price-fix something. Sugar and butter are commodities which will readily occur to them. No matter if sugar is in big supply and no matter if butter is in embarrassing surplus. No matter if the government has just been acting to hold up the price of sugar and butter. Ration and price-fix them anyway.

"Set up a huge rationing and price-fixing bureau. This will be filled pretty soon by Communists and fellow travelers and just plain fanatics. When they have the sugar and butter situations thoroughly confused, they will look to other things. They can set prices on Eskimo curios. When the enemy gets wind of this, he will be demoralized.

"Pass a law to prevent a man borrowing \$1,500 to buy an automobile. Then pass a lot more laws which will cause the Treasury to borrow \$15 billion. Tell people that you are thus preventing inflation. If they doubt it, prove it; arrest a corner grocer for charging two cents a dozen too much for bananas.

"Don't stop dredging and building dams in Mud Creek. The labor and materials used will of course come into competition with labor and materials needed for defense purposes. But keep on with Mud Creek and deny steel for farmers' tractors. If anyone objects, declare Mud Creek is part of a defense scheme; tell him the Swiss Navy expects to hide there.

"The productive system is the strongest weapon in the nation's arsenal. It is the thing with which the government has had the least contact. Things which the government run are in rather a mess. Obviously the thing to do is to put the productive system under the control of the government. The only people who will object to this are profiteers.

"By no means let anything alone. The economic engine may

have been running well with the gears meshing smoothly. Of course you can't run a war that way. You must upset people and by all means you must do something to make them uncomfortable. They do not realize the gravity of the situation. It is only their sons who will be drafted.

"Declare that your nation is defending a system of individual freedom, but at the first sign of an adverse breeze, get in a panic and regiment everyone. This will puzzle the world which sees the gap between action and words.

"It will be an exhibition of the highest form of statesmanship for each political party to begin to figure immediately how the situation can be used to put the other party in a hole. At this all the parties will be quite expert, having already bungled a number of citizens into holes — foxholes."

The question is, Will Congress write the blank check that will sell us out lock, stock and barrel to the power-hungry manipulators whose agents have the ear of officials high up in our government? We are face to face with the blackest period in the history of our nation — not because of the increased danger of World War III, but because of treachery within and the treasonable activities of men holding responsible positions in government or who are advisors of men high in public office. The man on the street is fully aware that all is not well at Washington and many are intuitively feeling that powerful forces are scheming to sell them down the river, using a national emergency as the means to accomplish this end.

## THE DESPOILERS

THE PROPHET EZEKIEL describes in detail the conflict engineered from Moscow. He also strongly hints at controls successfully employed to despoil God's people. Too, the Prophet Joel declares the enemy will be in our midst, running to and fro in the city, coming over our walls, climbing upon our houses and entering our windows like thieves.\*

The following interesting paragraph, taken from the letter of a DESTINY reader, speaks for itself:

"'The enemy will run on the walls' and, as you have said, the Commies do not have to invade the U.S.A., they are in already. But as I look a little closer, especially now, I seem to see that the Commies have virtually taken over the government of the United States. Perhaps it will be a little harder to take over the people of the United States. I seem to see this in the McCarthy-Acheson affair and in the present hoarding boom. When we went to Korea there wasn't much rush to buy things; people were not concerned about future shortages. Then Truman said, 'Don't hoard, there is plenty, don't hoard.' (Like telling a child not to push peas into his nostrils.) So people began to hoard. Then he said that credit controls would have to go on soon — in other words, if you do not have the cash to hoard — then buy on the cuff, but hurry up and do it now. So the honest people have not laid in a store of goods and the others have. Now we hear that Congress wants to make hoarding a criminal offense — so the crooks hold on and the others get rid of what little they did have. Later, when supplies to the cities are cut off by war and sabotage, it is clear who will be in the best position to carry on."

We take no pleasure in the necessity to distrust our own government at Washington, but after definite treasonable activities in high places have been exposed, only to find the President of the United States absolutely refusing to

\* See *Joel's Prophetic Message and Warning*, page 33. \$1.00 postpaid. Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

take effective steps to find out the truth and deal with the traitors within, we discover no basis for confidence in our present national leadership. Actually, we are in the grip of subversives who have evidently established themselves firmly in high places. Ezekiel recognized that this state of affairs would exist and he refers to the spoilers in our midst in the closing scenes of the present age, and pronounces judgment upon them, when finally God's people are fully aware of the situation:

"And they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord God." (Ez. 39: 10.)

This is to happen in the day when the great slaughter of the armies of the Red Confederacy occurs and a place of graves is found for them in "the valley of the passengers" on the east of the sea where the Russian dead are to be finally buried.\*

### PRUDENCE OR HOARDING?

THE GOVERNMENT OF Switzerland has ordered its citizens to purchase food and supplies over and above their present needs so that their larders may be well stocked against the day when, in the judgment of officials, trouble will break out. This they call being prudent because of present serious world conditions. It is putting a strain on their economy to prepare beforehand in this way, but here again the Swiss government recognizes that to be prepared for eventualities is far better than to be without the needs of life when troubles break.

The government of the United States would condemn every Swiss family who follows this advice from their rulers as hoarders. Where, then, can the line be drawn between prudence and hoarding? Actually, for a man to provide for his needs, even his future needs, is to exercise prudence, but to acquire goods that he will not be able to use within a reasonable time, or will very likely never use at all, is not even good common sense and could be classed as hoarding. Americans doing this are indeed rendering a disservice to their country in time of war and will in the long run harm themselves.

Who is to blame, however, for the wave of buying on the part of the American public, which the government is trying to stop? The very government that is trying to stop it is almost wholly to blame for the actions of its citizens, for, because of past performances, the public has lost confidence in the advice coming out of Washington. This is a pity, for if ever the public needed good leadership, it is now.

After all, the government has cried "wolf, wolf" once too often for many people today to accept seriously the directives of officials who purport to speak in its behalf and in the interests of the people as a whole. Many have vivid memories of the *planned* shortages of World War II when the public was made to go without for the supposed effect bureaucratic leaders expected it would have upon them. As one official at the time expressed it, "Let them know there is a war on!" It has had its effect rightly enough, but not in the way they expected, and the present wave of buying is the result.

We are confident that honesty and frankness in dealing with the American people would have found ninety-nine

\* See *Documentary Studies*, Vol. I, "Final Theater of War," page 191. \$5.00 postpaid. (Volumes I & II together, \$9.50 postpaid.) Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

percent of them cooperating with the government in every possible way. However, the actions of government officials in the past and the dissemination of propaganda for political purposes while the truth is withheld — all to deceive the nation — are now coming home to roost in the present spirit of distrust of any advice from the same sources.

The Swiss government is handling the situation well but, as usual, the failure to deal honestly with the public is bungling the situation on the domestic front in our own land. Let the government tell the people how to be prudent without hoarding and inform them what they can do to become prepared to meet changing conditions and the citizens of our land would nearly all respond to such constructive advice. But instead of telling them what to do to meet the future, the government is condemning a natural impulse to try to anticipate changes men intuitively know are coming. Again, it is a recognized fact that those who desire to foist upon us complete regimentation do not take kindly to a people being independent of controls, as will be the case with the Swiss families who follow their government's advice in prudent preparation for future shortages.

### VIOLENCE CONTINUES

WHILE THE attention of the world is being focused upon Korea, important events are taking place in Palestine. It should not be overlooked by those who are watching developments in the light of Biblical prophecy that the evil aggression of the Zionists is closely associated with coming Soviet moves that will affect the Middle East. A news item of importance because it reveals a situation that can become explosive states:

"Egypt accused the Israeli state before the United Nations of 'premeditated aggression' in a border incident June 30 and warned of 'serious consequences' if such armistice violations continue.

"The Egyptian complaint, coupled with a Lebanese complaint of Israeli aggression faced the UN with a rising danger to its Palestine armistice, now more than a year old.

"The Egyptian complaint was sent to Secretary-General Trygve Lie with a request that it be brought to the attention of the Security Council members. It was signed by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Salad El-Din Bey.

"It charged that an Israeli force of 60 men violated the armistice line east of Rafah and the Egyptian frontier on the morning of June 30, attacking the local civilian population, burned their crops and set fire to their tents.

"It added that the Israeli attack was supported by machine-gun fire from at least one Israeli aircraft, while two more Israeli military aircraft flew over the Rafah zone. Apart from the damage to property, three civilians were killed and a number wounded."

Referring to the Abomination That Maketh Desolate, spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, the statement is made in the pamphlet titled *Palestine: Center of World Intrigue* \* on page 57-58:

"We are witnessing this Desolating Brute of modern warfare being transferred to the Holy Land under the auspices of Zionism, with modern war weapons, airplanes and tanks flowing from behind the iron curtain and elsewhere to the Jews in Palestine. This evil, malignant and terrifying, is setting itself up in the Holy Place or, as Mark states, 'where it ought not' as a result of the greed and covetousness of the Zionists who, by violence

\* See back cover this issue.

and bloodshed, have established themselves in the land of Israel. This establishment became a fact on May 15, 1948 when the Zionist state became a reality and its government, born in violence, came into being in the Holy Land.

"Our Lord recognized that when this took place most of His followers would be absent from the land of His nativity but that they would learn, through cable messages, newspapers and magazines, of the news of events taking place there. This is clear from our Lord's admonition, 'Let him that readeth understand;' that is, take note and heed the meaning of these events for they warn of things to come. But to those residing in Judea His message is, 'Let them that be in Judea flee;' that is, get out of the land lest they be caught as in a snare because of the fearful destruction to soon break out in the Middle East involving all Palestine. This urgent admonition will be particularly germane when, in conjunction with Zionist activities, Russia finally moves in a military way toward the Holy Land."

While all eyes at present are watching the developments in the Far East, let us not overlook happenings in this most important area that is destined to become the center of major military activities in the near future. Events in this land are even now taking on a most significant, though sinister, meaning.

### ROBBING GOD

MALACHI THE PROPHET asks the question, "Will a man rob God?" Then he points out the fact that the whole nation has been doing this by withholding its tithes and offerings.

In a recently published statement showing how the American public spends its earnings, it was found that religious and welfare activities receive far less than Americans spend on tobacco. The bill for tobacco was \$4,266,000,000, while the total amount spent for religious and welfare purposes was only \$1,777,000,000 — and much of this was not actually used for the Lord's work.

With the estimated total income earned by the laboring population of the United States being \$222,000,000,000, last year, the tithe alone on this amount would be \$2,220,000,000. This is over twice as much as Americans are now giving to the actual work of the Lord since a large portion of the above expenditure for religious work is channeled into organizations that cannot be properly classified as doing the work of the Lord for which the tithe is to be used.

It is perhaps not without significance that in a nation that is robbing God of over fifty percent of the tithe due Him the dollar's purchasing power has shrunk in the same ratio! God is not mocked, a man reaps what he sows, and the decreased value of the dollar is certainly destroying the abundant prosperity with which He promised to bless us *only if we serve Him*.

This brings to mind the question often asked by men in business who receive no stipulated salary, but whose income consists of such financial returns as commissions, rents, dividends, interest on stocks and bonds and profits obtained from business transactions. How are they to determine their tithe? However, every citizen who has an income must make an income tax return to his government and he is required by law to be careful in declaring the amount he inserts as his annual income. If he desires to be as honest with His God as he is with his government, he can at least use that same figure as the basis for the computation of his tithe to the Lord's work. God does not hold men guiltless who rob Him and the prophet declares:

"Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (Mal. 3: 9.)

Moffatt translates this:

"You lie under my curse for cheating me, the whole of your nation."

Many are deceiving themselves by the excuses they give for their failure to tithe — excuses they would not dare to give to their government in an effort to reduce the income tax levied upon them. What they are overlooking is that God is not deceived and this will be fully demonstrated in the day of assessment when certified returns for income tax purposes may face those who denied they were receiving an income on which to base the tithe.

Excuses for the failure to meet Divine obligations may be classed as idle words and it is well to recall Jesus' warning in this connection:

"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." (Matt. 12: 36.)

Moffatt translates the word "idle" as "careless" and it behooves us not to be careless, either in our statements or in our performances.

### WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?

WHEN THE BOARD of directors of a business organization finds, as a result of poor management, that it faces financial losses, the head of the organization must take the responsibility. His appointment as manager was, after all, for the purpose of directing the business activities of the firm so that profits would be made and investments protected. If he fails in this, he is accountable even for his subordinates since they are subject to his control and orders.

The citizens of the United States elected President Truman to head our government and it became his personal responsibility to guide the affairs of this great nation. Because the Constitution gives him the authority to appoint ambassadors, ministers and consuls, judges and other officers of the United States, as well as all the members of his cabinet, he, and he alone, is answerable to the nation for the way the affairs of state have been conducted.

The present weakness of our fighting forces in arms and equipment is chargeable to poor management, the President having impounded funds appropriated by Congress and earmarked for use in building a more powerful defense force. Since the commencement of the Korean war the facts are being revealed that Mr. Truman alone is responsible for today's seeming weakness in our nation's fighting forces.

Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee indicted Harry S. Truman for our unpreparedness and the Korean defeats. In the last four years Mr. Truman has eliminated, as not in accord with his policies, over \$25,000,000,000 requested for defense by the joint chiefs of staff. In this most critical hour in the history of our nation, the board of directors — the citizens of the United States — have a right to challenge mismanagement wherever it is found in the conduct of their national affairs. This is particularly necessary in vital matters affecting the future welfare of every citizen when our nation is under attack by an evil aggressor.

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# Peace and Safety

BIBLE STUDENTS have been looking for a future fulfillment of Paul's statement that the cry of "Peace and Safety" would be heard just before the final and overwhelming conflict occurs that is destined to bring the present age to a close. However, if this has already become an accomplished historical fact, it is useless to anticipate a future peace offensive of a nature that will cause men to draw the conclusion that there is definite hope for universal peace. Instead, we are approaching the darkest hour in human history — a period of widespread destruction and death.

It is essential, therefore, to make an over-all appraisal of the events beginning prior to 1914 and extending beyond 1950 in order to properly analyze what has transpired and identify the time of the fulfillment of the prediction which is expressed as follows:

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." (I Thess. 5: 3.)

Actually there was a period in modern history when the world began to think in terms of peace and safety, with men and nations assuming that no one would commit the supreme folly of ever again resorting to the force of arms. To question at the time the accuracy of this deduction was considered to be evidence of one's total ignorance of the great strides civilization had made since the dark ages. Before 1914 men were saying that the Hague Conferences of 1899 and 1907 had settled the question of armed conflict for all time and that no major nation would resort to force in disputes that might arise between them.

Commenting upon the peace and prosperity of the Victorian Period as a well-attested fact of history, it is stated in *Study in Daniel*:

"Beginning with 1890 A.D., both of the great Anglo-Saxon peoples entered an era of blessing never known before. The Covenant of Peace was confirmed with many of His people Israel beginning with this 50th, or great Jubilee Week of 49 years. But though in Great Britain Queen Victoria herself knew she reigned on the Throne of David and that her subjects

were the House of Israel, the Church in Israel refused to accept and proclaim this great truth. While the knowledge did reach the people, their indifference to the responsibility it engendered prevented a long continuation of peace. Instead of being grateful to God for the revelation of their identity, and turning to the full administration of all His laws, Israel's prosperity produced only the advancement of materialism and spiritual decadency as higher criticism and Modernism began to flourish throughout Anglo-Saxon lands. In the midst of this great week of the greatest of Jubilees, when God's people were enjoying a high degree of progress and prosperity, peace passed away.

"Turning to the account given by Gabriel, we are told that in the midst of this great week the sacrifice and oblation would cease. Thus, 24½ years from its beginning in 1889-90 A.D. gives us the mid-date of 1913½ to 1914½ A.D., when peace was broken by World War I when Germany made her attack upon Belgium. The time of the 'desolator' had come. The years of peace, when nations had almost become convinced that there would be no more major world conflicts, were broken in the midst of this great Jubilee Week of 49 years." (*Study in Daniel*,\* pages 253-254.)

Hostilities unexpectedly broke out in the summer of 1914 and a startled world was plunged into a state of war that has continued for more than three decades. The pattern of conflict has been something new and wholly unique in the annals of history: a sudden war, followed by, *not peace*, but an armistice (*i.e.*, cessation of hostilities); then the second phase of world war, followed by, *not peace*, but an interim of so-called cold war; then the third phase of world war.

Peace was taken from the earth when Germany precipitated World War I and sudden destruction came upon men and nations with the commencement of that war. During this whole period of travail the pains of tribulation and destruction have intensified and they are now becoming particularly severe as the events of the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord draw near. We may conclude, then, that the peace and safety cry took place during the first decade of the twentieth century. With the out-

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break of World War I we entered a new and terrifying era of chaos, fulfilling the conditions of Jeremiah's warning:

"We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?" (Jer. 30: 5-6.)

Jeremiah confirms Paul's admonition that the times would be so painful it would be like travail coming upon a woman with child. Because of the rapid acceleration in the severity of judgment following the passing of peace, Jeremiah exclaims of that day:

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." (Jer. 30: 7.)

The reference to Jacob's trouble is significant, for Jacob experienced two periods of trouble. In those two twenty-two-year periods there was doubled unto him a time of distress and sorrow. The first period was primarily physical and material suffering and the second was a time of mental anguish and sorrow of heart.

When Jacob fled from his father's house and away from the anger of his brother Esau, twenty-two years passed before he returned to Bethel and to the rock that he had set up and anointed with oil, calling it the House of God. During these twenty-two years he served Laban for his wives and for his goods. After that he fled from Laban's house to return to Isaac, whereupon he was informed that Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred armed men. When Jacob heard that he was afraid, but following a night of wrestling with the Angel of the Lord, Jacob made peace with his brother and two years later he arrived at Bethel where he cleansed his household of all idolatry.

The second period of trouble began when Joseph, Jacob's son, at the age of 17, was sold by his brethren into Egyptian slavery. It was not until twenty-two years later that Jacob came to Egypt, where he was reunited with Joseph, then 39 years old, who had become a ruler in the land. This second period of trouble comprised years

of mental anguish for Jacob. The two periods together make forty-four years of trouble in all.

It is significant that the Great Pyramid assigns this same number of years to the Consummation of the Age, beginning with 1909 A.D. and extending to 1953 A.D. The latter year marks the end of the generation of 40 years from the outbreak of World War I in 1914 A.D. It is the generation of which Jesus was speaking when He said:

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." (Matt. 24: 34.)

The generation to which this message is addressed is further identified as the generation that would see the Fig Tree, emblematic of Jewry, beginning to bud. Turkey was defeated by the British army and Jerusalem fell into the hands of modern Israel in December 1917 A.D. On November 2 of that same year the Balfour Declaration was issued, pledging the British government to the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people. This gave stimulus to the national aspirations of the Jews and resulted in greater activity among them as the Fig Tree began to bud.

But this generation was to see much more than the budding Fig Tree. It was to be the generation that would see the fulfillment of major events leading to the second advent of our Lord. It has indeed witnessed in their order the events as Jesus predicted they would occur, even to the shaking of the powers of heaven (splitting of the atom), with the next development on the agenda to be the appearing of the sign of the Son of man in heaven. After that an event to be witnessed by this same generation will be the gathering of the elect, followed by the triumphant return of Jesus Christ to take the throne of His father David and reign over the House of Jacob forever.

Paralleling the important happenings in the doubled period of Jacob's trouble with their corresponding years during the period of the Consummation of the Age (1909 A.D. to 1953 A.D.), we find that events which have transpired in our own generation take on a new and very interesting significance.

Jacob served seven years for each of his wives. The year 1916 A.D. is the terminal year of the first seven-year period after 1909 A.D., when the Turks

were driven back across the Sinai Peninsula and faced a British invasion of Palestine. The next seven years ended in 1923 A.D. when the Republic of Asia Minor was proclaimed, with its capital at Angora, supplanting the Ottoman Empire which began its great military expansion following the capture of Constantinople on May 29, 1453 A.D. The symbolic waters of the Euphrates River of Revelation 16: 12 were thus dried up with the driving back of the Turks into Asia Minor. The way was being prepared for future events which were destined to materially affect the land of Palestine.

Following fourteen years of service for his two wives, Jacob served six more years for his cattle and herds, after which he fled from his father-in-law's house to return to his father Isaac. Computing from 1923 A.D., this six-year period brings us to 1929 A.D., the year of the Wall Street crash and an extremely important date in modern Israel's economy. Two years later Jacob arrived at Bethel, corresponding with 1931 A.D. — a critical year as shown in "It is Harvest Time," DESTINY for May 1950.

The second period of Jacob's trouble began when Joseph was sold into Egyptian slavery. Seven years later, in Egypt, Joseph was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and thrown into jail. The corresponding year is 1938 A.D., in the fall of which the appeasement of Hitler made World War II inevitable. Six years later Joseph stood before Pharaoh and interpreted his dream, giving us the year 1944 A.D., a decisive year in the history of World War II when the Allied invasion of Normandy took place that led to the defeat of Germany the following year.

During seven years of plenty, while Joseph was in power in Egypt, he stored food from one end of the land to the other. The paralleling years extend from 1944 A.D. to 1951 A.D. and the United States of America has been duplicating this process through government purchases of huge farm surpluses during these seven years, storing them throughout the length and breadth of our country. This parallel is the most significant of all.

At the beginning of the seven years of famine, following the seven years of plenty, Jacob sent his sons into Egypt to secure food. The corresponding year is 1952 A.D. and it is interesting to note that 1952 A.D. closes a period

of 2,520 years from the time Nebuchadnezzar set up the image of gold on the Plain of Dura in 569 B.C.\*

Jacob and his household finally went to Egypt to live and Joseph settled them in the Land of Goshen where they were fed and cared for. This occurred in the second year of the famine and corresponds with the year 1953 A.D. Jacob was at last at rest with his family and his time of trouble ended, although the world at large was in the throes of a severe famine. Thus, parallel conditions will be apparent in modern Israel by 1954 A.D.

Isaiah speaks of God's people coming out of tribulation and trouble before the rest of the world is delivered from darkness. He refers to the Glory of the Lord being seen upon Israel and then he states:

"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." (Isa. 60: 2.)

This will be brought about as the result of the pressure of adversity, causing God's people to turn to Him, when He declares:

"I will break the yoke from their neck, And will burst their bonds; And they shall serve aliens no more, But shall serve the Lord their God, And David their king, whom I will raise up for them." (Jer. 30: 8-9, *Smith and Goodspeed Trans.*)

The Lord addresses a pertinent question to Israel and emphasizes the cause of all the tribulation His people have suffered:

"Why criest thou for thine affliction? Thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee." (Jer. 30: 15.)

While rescuing His people from their time of trouble, the Lord pronounces judgment upon their enemies:

"Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds." (Jer. 30: 16-17.)

The cry of "peace and safety" has become a matter of recorded history and as a nation we are now passing through the final years of the Time of

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\* See "World Rule in the Balance," pages 196-7, DESTINY for June 1950.

# REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

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IT IS IMPORTANT to remember that the exact strength of Northern Korea, the weakness of the South and Russian ambitions in East Asia were in no way a surprise. Certain American military authorities in Japan, in fact, warned Washington of precisely what was coming. If the reports were not fully believed at the highest political level, it is to be regretted, but the facts were well known and reported.

The North Korean army was trained for its mission by Russian technicians. The air force was built up from Koreans and other Asiatics who had served with Soviet forces. In addition a large number of Koreans were trained in the Soviet Union as ground personnel, etc. The navy also was created, trained and equipped in the same way, although more Russian Asiatics were drafted into it than into the other two services. It is believed that the Soviet Admiral Filatov was responsible for the transfer to Vladivostok of powerful submarine forces to help the North Koreans in case of need. The entire Soviet Pacific submarine fleet has also been increased and is now on a war basis. This suggests that Russia was, in fact, prepared for possible American reactions, for had those not been anticipated, no such preparations would have been made. We believe that the Kremlin reckoned that military operations in Korea itself would be successfully concluded by the end of August or early September. This date was estimated quite a long time ago.

## *War or Peace*

Notable military preparations have been taking place in the vicinity of Yugoslavia for the last eighteen months. Apart from very large plans for Russian and satellite maneuvers this summer, a considerable air-borne army is concentrated on the frontiers of Turkey, Iraq and Persia.

Russia desired all her war plans to mature between 1952 and 1956. In the meantime local successes gained by means short of world war were planned to increase the strength of the Soviet Empire. The Atlantic nations were scheduled for economic crisis and consequent political chaos. It remains to be seen how Russia will react to the rather sharp turn in the course of events. America's grave difficulties in Korea, and threats elsewhere, have created a world state of alertness. There is no economic decline and politics are, on the whole, fairly well under control. Does Russia dare to wait? Must she strike sooner than she planned and in circumstances less favorable than she considered necessary?

If Russia waits, then an alarmed and awakened America may prepare and be far more ready in 1952 or thereafter than Russia ever expected. Nevertheless, Russia will by 1952 possess a fairly large A-bomb stock-pile and certainly a number of H-bombs, plus all necessary devices for using these weapons, particularly a vast submarine fleet and guided missiles. Bacteriological methods also rank high in

her planning. Whatever the final decision, we have reason to think there is complete resolution not to back down in any historic sense.

Observers, whose record of accuracy makes their opinion of first importance, insist that events in Korea are only a local demonstration of a world-wide problem. They think the situation there cannot be satisfactorily dealt with locally. Local action, which is not part of a world strategy, will prove inadequate. Local action is, of course, imperative but it must be related to and form part of an over-all strategy. Mere emotional reaction, even if backed by powerful forces, will not prove satisfactory. Russia is known to be using her allies as a cover for her preliminary moves in many parts of the world. She is known to be following a world strategy. It can only be met by planning on the same scale.

In the meantime it is imperative to stop all supplies which could strengthen the military potential of the Soviet Union and her satellites. Supplies have for too long continued to reach the Soviets. A great authority has said privately that Sir Stafford Cripps's authorization of the export of jet engines to Russia saved her fifteen years' metallurgical research. This can be taken as an incontrovertible fact. Thus, a grave mistake was made by a Minister who refused to be warned of Soviet intentions.

Large quantities of rubber have reached Russia from the sterling area which she needs for military purposes. This is another act of grave folly. Switzerland, Sweden and other countries have also foolishly contributed to the Soviet's war-making capacity. Yet all these countries are in direct danger. It seems odd to build up the striking power of one's immediate enemies. To stop all this would seem to be a preliminary to any over-all strategy. In the matter of political warfare the record is even worse.

## *Seas Must Be Watched*

Another subject is causing anxiety. Russian merchant vessels are allowed to go almost anywhere uninspected. Any of these can drop A-bombs under water. No one can be certain that Russia has not perfected a form of time fuse for A-bombs, and it could be that one day, without declaration of war and before any military move, every important Atlantic port will have been sown with A-bombs. The new conditions of war and international relations raise a security issue of first importance which must at once be faced if a possible danger of the first magnitude is to be averted.

These and other questions are even more important than what happens in Korea, the Balkans or the Middle East. We could find ourselves crippled within a few hours if correct security measures were not at once developed. To dismiss such matters as sensational would be once again to reject first-class intelligence in favor of personal and amateur hopes. This time, however, the stake is supreme and the issues involved permit of no risks whatsoever.

### *Soviet Air Force*

For three years past the Russian air force has been making a large scale switch-over to new types. This continues. Great secrecy has been kept. Last year Stalin's son, Vassili (an air force Lt.-Gen.), got himself into trouble by talking about this too much with certain Soviet newspapermen. Publication of the interview was banned and Vassili was put on the mat. Amongst other things he told his newspaper friends that the new Soviet air force would much surprise Russia's enemies.

One of our observers has heard German pilots serving with the Red air force say that they are most impressed. Russia has not yet supplied her latest types to any satellite country. The satellites are provided with Yaks on a mass production scale. Closely connected with reorganization of the air force is the making of a vast air army planned to operate on a far larger scale than anything tried in World War II. Our observer in Turkey reported last year that no fewer than 100 divisions are being trained and equipped for this type of warfare.

### *America*

Virtually all responsible American military commentators have given frank warnings of world-wide dangers. As far as it is possible to work out a common denominator of their opinions, it is this: Korea is only one front; Russia may open up others. The most likely are Europe, the Middle East, Formosa and Indo-China. The U. S. at present has the military power to fight effectively on two fronts but no more. The Soviet Union may be expected to open up a series of incidental fronts to scatter the opposition. Having done that, she may make a main drive through Europe. If she did this she could not be prevented from occupying all continental Europe within a short time. So run the opinions of a great many commentators and they are certainly not without force.

It is important to understand that while American public opinion is aware of the world crisis, it is not yet fully ready to face the almost superhuman demands in terms of effort and self-discipline which will be the price of eventual victory. This is the inevitable outcome of years of hiding the truth from the public. The public itself can hardly be blamed, but a heavy load of responsibility rests on many of the national leaders, not only in America but throughout the western world.

### *Yugoslavia*

It appears that Tito's régime is growing unpopular. Hopes have not materialized of a more humane government after the break with the Cominform. Observers say that, except for former partisans and those with a vested interest in Tito's régime, few would fight for it with any greater enthusiasm than they did for King Peter's government when the Germans struck. The two chief reasons for this apathy are the continued religious persecution and the antagonizing of the farmers.

Surveillance and arrests of clergy continue as before. During 1949 more than a hundred priests were arrested. Many of them were accused of using the confessional for political propaganda and therefore were unable to defend themselves. More than 500 priests are still in prison under conditions almost identical with those in Soviet-controlled countries. Most of them are in dark, damp underground

cells without heat, water or bedding. Naturally they are verminous and no cleansing is allowed to religious prisoners. Many quickly succumb to tuberculosis. Beatings and torture are sometimes applied.

As for the farmers, they are practically 100 per cent hostile to the government. Nominally, collectivization is voluntary. In fact, those who do not agree are either sent to prison or given impossible production quotas.

Unfortunately, American policy is interpreted as support for Tito. The U.S.A. are becoming identified in the people's minds with his dictatorship. There is also an impression that the U.S. seldom hesitates to interfere with the domestic policy of those it helps. Many Yugoslavs, therefore, are unable to understand why Washington does not force Tito into a less harsh régime and a little more democracy. The tide of support for the west is ebbing.

### *Switzerland*

Few, if any, countries in Europe are making more intensive defense preparations than Switzerland. It is also one of the best informed countries in the world.

An observer, who has recently motored through Switzerland, says that the scale of preparation is impressive. Everywhere one sees exercises by well-trained and well-equipped troops. There is no apparent attempt to hide armaments. The Swiss army is reputed to expect soon to have 800 tanks and 200 jet aircraft — the biggest force of its kind in western Europe. Fortifications are being overhauled. Longer training periods to learn new weapons are being enforced. There is heavy stocking of essential goods and foodstuffs. Government stocks are a military secret but every family has been invited to store food for two months. Some estimates indicate that the average family has exceeded this by fifty per cent.

All this is a heavy strain on the country's resources. A high proportion of the national income is being tied up. Some leading economists say that the country could not stand the strain for more than two to three years. The authorities, however, say that their excellent intelligence service has told them that it is the next two years which will be decisive and that, as likely as not, they will bring the gravest and probably violent events to Europe. They reason, therefore, that to prepare beforehand is less expensive than war itself. They have proved this twice in the last 36 years. Once more they are prepared to insure, even though the premium is heavy.

They have another interesting reason. It is pointed out that in 1912 the German Emperor sent first-class observers to both Swiss and Belgian maneuvers. After studying their reports the Germans decided to invade through Belgium. Hitler made a similar decision when he realized how difficult it would be to invade Switzerland. The Swiss hope that Stalin may take the same view.

There is an uneasy feeling. Well-informed Swiss take a grave view of the international situation. They do not expect war this year but fear that, in the long run, it is inevitable.

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# Chaff in the Wind

By C. R. DICKEY

AS THE WORLD is being shoved steadily toward a full scale war, apprehension rises again to plague multitudes everywhere who are already weary of strife and uncertainty. Christian people in particular have been slow to see the threatening clouds of another armed conflict gathering over the nations. This is due to the fact that they are "slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken."

After David escaped the wrath of King Saul, he confessed, "When the pangs of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid." Our citizens, awakening belatedly to danger from "floods of ungodly men," now confess that they are afraid.

Unfortunately, many political and ecclesiastical leaders in Christian lands have been deluded into believing they can and ought to do business with totalitarian leaders, notwithstanding abundant evidence that they are tyrants, unmistakably evil, committed to a campaign of ruthless destruction in all nations. These wicked planners operate in every country around the globe. They are the real foes both within and without our borders.

These scoundrels take the advantage of conspiring against fellow citizens who do not suspect their sinister conniving. They are the hidden masters who train stool pigeons and place them in important government posts to carry on their business of treason, sabotage and deception. For some years now they have seen to it that our enemies have been supplied with implements of warfare from our own stockpiles; they sidetracked war supplies which Congress appropriated for our friends in China and delivered them to the Russian and Chinese Communists; they are the schemers who maneuvered the escape of Gerhart Eisler; moreover, their unseen hands direct the activities of the Klaus Fuchs and Harry Golds in slipping to the Kremlin gangsters the know-how to produce our deadly new weapons, such as the atom and hydrogen bombs.

Occasionally a Congressional com-

mittee, some energetic Senator or other investigator, succeeds in exposing a traitor, who invariably turns out to be only a tool of the secret conspirators. When exposure comes, the stooge takes the rap. Alger Hiss is an example. Who, for instance, are the crafty planners who guided Hiss at San Francisco, at Yalta, and in the transfer of vital documents to our enemies? Here, indeed, are the enemies to track down and expose. It is dangerous business, to be sure, but men risk their lives on the battle front; if they would risk them as courageously to crush despoilers at the home base, there would soon be no battles for our sons to fight at home or abroad. One never conquers a serpent until he strikes at the head!

Once in a while our courts manage to indict an Eisler or a Hiss — though they rarely serve a sentence. Why? Who, or what group, is powerful enough to defeat justice with so much protection? Eisler, you will remember, was gallivanting all over the country lecturing at Harvard and other educational institutions when he ought to have been behind bars in a federal prison. The full story of these treasonable activities, and the identity of the instigators behind them, has yet to be told.

Under what flag do these planners and their satellites operate, inasmuch as they are disloyal to the countries in which they live? At a hearing before the House investigating committee in 1931, William Z. Foster was asked if Red followers in this country look upon the Soviet flag as their flag. He answered: "The workers of this country and of every country have only one flag and that is the Red flag." Undoubtedly this ensign is the Red banner of Esau, whose bloody hand is still against every man who loves peace, freedom and righteousness.

The trial of the eleven Communist party leaders charged with conspiring to teach the violent overthrow of the United States Government brought out some salient points which every one ought to remember and ponder. "Under this indictment," one writer

comments, "evidence was that the conspiracy was carried on by secrecy, false names and code language under the direction of emissaries of the Russian Communist Government. The teaching and advocacy of violence was shown by textbooks, courses of study and accounts of lectures and classroom discussions, in all of which the violent overthrow of capitalistic government was presented as unavoidable in the setting up of the dictatorship of the proletariat in the United States."

For example, in their discussions and recommendations, revolution was defined as "an act in which one section of the population imposes its will upon the other by rifles, bayonets, cannon, etc., and the victorious party is inevitably forced to maintain its supremacy by means of that fear which its arms inspire in the reactionaries."

Here are some of the means proposed for subduing the United States:

- 1) Invasion of the United States by Russia through Alaska and Canada.
- 2) Setting up of a Negro republic in the South by inciting and backing the Negroes in a revolt against the southern white population and the Government of the United States.
- 3) Infiltration of labor unions and all other important organizations "for the purpose of sabotage and industrial paralysis of the country."

At the trial of the eleven Communists an FBI man planted within the party testified that in 1948 at a secret meeting in Boston, a woman leader of the group declared that war between the United States and Soviet Russia would be an unjust war and in such an instance it was the duty of the Communist party to fight against such an unjust war, which would be an imperialistic war on the part of the United States. "She said the imperialistic war *should be converted into civil war.*"

This same witness swore also that the party policy is to preach "peace" to the American public, while actually supporting the military aims of the Kremlin revolutionists.

Another FBI observer within the Communist party, who kept active

membership up to the time of his testimony in the trial, swore that at a secret meeting of underground Communists in Ohio it was estimated that the revolution in the United States would come within less than ten years from that date — 1945.

These fantastic aims are no figment of a lunatic's imagination. They are a mere fragment of an actual diabolical plan that is in the process of realization. The present conspiratorial blueprint seems designed to involve the United States in a disastrous struggle in the Far East. Beginning in Korea, the conflict may advance to include Formosa, the Philippines and the whole continent of Asia; then, with American men and equipment spread thinly over a vast area, the time would be at hand for an invasion of the United States via Alaska and Canada; and also for sabotage and revolution throughout our forty-eight States. With this program well under way, the conquest of Africa and Western Europe might well proceed simultaneously with comparative ease. It is quite a plan! And the tragedy is that it is working — for the time being — with amazing precision.

The following excellent summary of the situation appeared as an editorial in *The Dallas News* on July 14, 1950, under the title, "Movement Aimed at Weakening U. S.":

"Several letters recently addressed to *The News* have endorsed the world peace movement which has already gained several million signers, including quite a few in this country.

"Whether they know it or not, they are lending their names to a Soviet effort to cripple the United States by limiting its preparedness program — and especially by working up sentiment against the use of the atom bomb. Here is the reason why:

"The Russian cold-to-hot war strategy is now obvious. Without using its own troops, it is in position to stir up war on many fronts, just as it is now carrying on war in Korea. We have gone to the defense of Korea directly. But can we afford to go to the assistance of Formosa, Indo-China, the Philippines, India, Iran, Arabia, Yugoslavia, Greece and Western Germany. The Politburo is in position to start the brush fires of warfare in all of these places, using local man power except for top-bracket direction which would come from Moscow.

"In the event of such a development, Russia would have the tremendous geographic advantage of sitting on the inside of the circle of conflict. Russia would have the short lines of communication. Ours would extend around the world.

"Our only chance would be in striking directly at the seat of the trouble — Moscow. We would be able to do so primarily through the use of air power and, if necessary, the atom bomb. So we have the Russian-sponsored 'peace' movement, aimed at arms limitation and outlawing the atom bomb, which is being supported by mass meetings in Madison Square Garden — for which even some Texans seem to be falling."

Day by day the pattern of aggression is more clearly revealed. Even the stouthearted among us confess to a sickening fear at the trend of events. Again we are hearing the old wail, "too little and too late." And again American servicemen are dying in a distant land as the price of treachery and appeasement on the part of officials at the nation's capital who are either disloyal or incredibly stupid. "Floods of ungodly men" are not only behind the iron curtain, they are also in our midst to advise, to deceive, to betray — and they make us afraid.

Viewed strictly from the human angle, ungodly forces hold an advantageous position in the world today. Thoughtful civilian and military observers are not so optimistic as formerly; there is an element of grave concern in their reports, a question as to whether or not Western civilization will be able to survive in a showdown with Communism. Only those who place their trust in the Biblical promises of Divine intervention face the future with confidence. Like the Psalmist, the trusting heart can say:

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: . . . Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. *I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*" (Ps. 27: 1-6; 12-13.)

Psalm 1 is appropriately placed first

in the collection because its subject forms a suitable introduction to the Psalms which follow. Its theme is the final destiny of man — a topic that recurs constantly in the Psalms. It contrasts the happy state of the righteous with the misery of the wicked and names the attributes which determine a man's character and destiny. Note the simplicity and beauty, the irrevocable truth, of these imperishable words:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

"The ungodly are not so." Theologian Delitzsch tells us that the word used in the original for "ungodly" signifies the "loose man, the man loose from God." And W. L. Watkinson adds:

"We see here that ungodliness is the source of all evil; 'becoming loose from God,' is the point of departure to positive and universal unrighteousness. This great truth is often forgotten; and where actual sin would be denounced, ungodliness is often regarded with indulgence. Indeed, that temper of mind which is loose from God is by many considered the most philosophic and desirable condition of the mind; the morality loose from God, the truest morality; the science loose from God, the wisest science; the character loose from God, the most sound and noble character. The Psalmist in this place indicates the profound error of such reasoning. Looseness from God, ungodliness, is the original and fertile source of all transgression. Enmity with God is enmity with righteousness." (*Preacher's Homiletic Commentary*.)

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." Evil men have attached themselves like leeches to presidents, premiers, kings and cabinet members to guide them in the ways that lead to destruction; and, as a rule, these wicked counselors are more powerful in establishing national and international policies than the acknowledged heads of govern-

ments because they are backed by the resources and coercive machinery of international conspirators. It is the influence of such advisers that has created the difficulties within the nations, and between the nations, which now exist.

If a man is *blessed* when he walks *not* in the counsel of the ungodly, it follows that he is *accursed* if he *does* heed the advice of ungodly men. "Cursed in his counsels, cursed in his actions, cursed in his end," as one expositor puts it.

"The ungodly . . . are like the chaff which the wind driveth away." Considering the power of established evil as we see it today, and its tyrannous hold upon multiplied millions of citizens in many countries, one is tempted to question the truth of the Psalmist's statement. Surely nothing is more worthless and ineffective than chaff; how, then, can floods of inexpressibly cruel despots be likened to chaff? Yet Israel's inspired poet-king is not alone in making such a comparison. The prophet Isaiah was led of the Spirit to portray a dramatic episode which might well describe the last act in Communism's battle against the Lord God Almighty. We quote Moffatt's version of Isaiah 17: 12-14:

"Ah, the booming of many a people,  
Booming like sea breakers!  
Ah, the thunder of great nations,  
Thundering like the surge of ocean!  
But the Eternal checks them,  
And they are chased afar,  
Driven like chaff before the wind,  
Like dust whirled by the hurricane —  
At evening a terror,  
And gone by morning!  
Such is the fate of those who ravage us,  
Such is the lot of those who rifle us."

"Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in judgment." A commentator with keen insight writes as follows on this point:

"Although the ungodly are in similar circumstances with the righteous, yet they derive no profit from this favorable circumstance. They are *spiritually dead* and withered. That which has matured in them has faded prematurely; for they have not appropriated to themselves the nourishment of life, and they have not formed in themselves the faculty for this appropriation. Without root and without sap, they have not attained any vigor, nor brought forth any fruit (Matt. 21: 19). Thus they have *ripened only for destruction*; unsubstantial and worthless as chaff, the sport of the wind until scattered by the storm, they go to destruction, and leave no trace behind." (*Homiletic Com.*)

It is written in Matthew 3: 12, that the Lord's fan is in His hand and "he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Psalm 37 inspires confidence and patience for such a time as this:

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. . . . The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. . . . I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found." (Ps. 37: 1-2; 12-13; 35-36.)

Since the fate of the wicked is thus sealed by Divine decree, the question arises, Why are they permitted to flourish and threaten the safety of the Christian nations as they are now doing? Perhaps our question can best be answered by quoting the Rev. W. L. Watkinson:

"History relates that Redwald, King of East Anglia, built a church, at one end of which was an altar for the sacrifice of the mass, and at the other end an altar for sacrifice to the old British idols. How frequently the Church is in danger of making analogous compromises, allowing certain evils to exist within its borders for the sake of gold, or popularity, or peace. It must not be, or God will not dwell with us. And we must remember this in our *personal* life. 'Rest assured, Christ will not live in the parlor of our hearts if we entertain the devil in the cellar of our thoughts.' (*Spurgeon*.) God does not tolerate wickedness. It is no part of His pleasure, no part of His policy, that evil should be found in the human heart or in the world." (*Homiletic Com.*, Psalms, Vol. 1, p. 18.)

As a nation of nominal Christians we have not put evil away from us as Israel was commanded to do. If we are an Israel nation and a body of Christian believers, as we say, then we are under God's mandate to cleanse both State and Church from the works of unrighteousness. "Thou shalt put evil away from among you" is the command as stated in Deuteronomy in chapters 13, 17, 19, 21, 22 and 24. If one objects to the teaching in these chapters because they are in the Old Testament, let him turn to I Corinthians 5: 11-13 and read:

"But now I have written unto you not

to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person."

Israel was disobedient in the days of old; Israel is disobedient now — it is a stubborn family trait. Surely Christ will not punish His bride whom He loves so much, some say. But the bride must be prodded awake, lest her Lord should come at midnight, and find her sleeping. She has not made herself ready. She dallies irresponsibly — not realizing that the hour is late. Even now the bride ought to be attired in the wedding garment of righteousness, waiting for her Lord.

Thinking of the unspeakably horrible fruits of evil — the enslavement and torture of helpless human beings, the snatching of 25,000 little children from their homes in Greece alone, the fate of American lads forced into combat with demon-possessed monsters — one is led to understand what our Lord meant when He said we should pray, "Deliver us from evil." We understand, too, the burden of Israel's king when he prayed:

"Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. For thou art the God of my strength: why does thou cast me off? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles." (Ps. 43: 1-3.)

These lines from an old hymn challenge our faith:

"The storm may war without me,  
My heart may low be laid;  
But God is round about me,  
And shall I be afraid?"

There is no man living in the world today who can save us from the terror and destruction which floods of ungodly men plan to bring upon the Christian nations. But the apostle Peter points us to One — the only one — who can save us: "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment, to be punished." Thanks be unto the Lord our Christ, who *knows how* to deliver us from evil!

# Is It the Prelude to Armageddon?

By J. BERNARD NICKLIN

**A**T DAWN on Sunday, June 25th, war broke out "like a lightning flash" in Korea.

"The attack upon Korea," said President Truman, "makes it clear beyond doubt that Communism has passed beyond the use of subversion to conquer independent nations and will now use armed invasion and war."

The Security Council of the United Nations at once condemned this act of aggression and called upon its members to assist in suppressing hostilities. On the 26th and 27th the United States and Britain decided to send immediate military aid to Southern Korea and other danger spots threatened in the Far East and on the 28th Mr. Attlee informed the House of Commons that Britain was placing her naval forces in Japanese waters under United States command.

To those interested in chronological prophecy the *timing* of this outbreak will appear highly significant; but whether it represents the initial stage of World War III or not remains to be seen.

Many prophecies make clear that the setting up of Christ's Kingdom on earth at the end of the age would be preceded by a process of demolition — a world war or succession of world wars — to effect the break-up and removal of the old world order; and several years ago Mr. Davidson drew attention to a time cycle of 286.1 days apparently operating in this connection, which he termed *Displacement*.

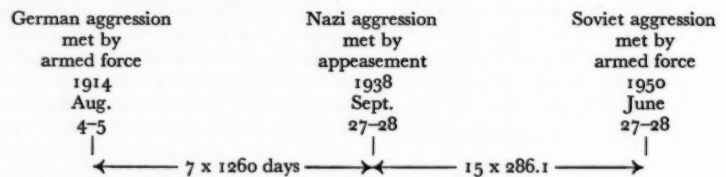
## Displacement Cycles

As already shown in a previous article,\* a long chain of cycles of 286.1 days will expire Aug. 20th-21st, 1950; but here we would briefly observe that June 27th-28th fell exactly fifteen displacements ( $15 \times 286.1$  days) from the climax of the Munich Crisis.

It was on Sept. 27th-28th, 1938 — exactly seven-times 1260 days from Britain's entry into World War I, Aug. 4th-5th, 1914 — that Chamberlain,

pursuing his policy of appeasement, made the final appeal to Hitler which led to the Munich Meeting and twelve months respite. On June 27th-28th no

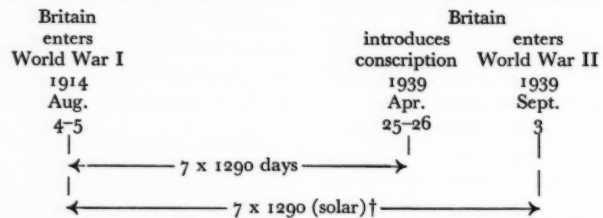
attempt at appeasement was made. The challenge was at once met by armed intervention.



## Desolation

The agency for effecting demolition at the end would be one referred to by our Lord as "the Abomination of

Desolation" (Matt. 24: 15), the period for which is given by Daniel as "1290 days" (Dan. 12: 11). Between the commencements of World War I and World War II this cycle ran out as follows:

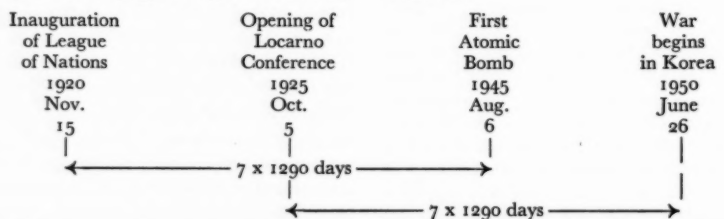


But this cycle has run out on some significant and more recent events, including the attack on Southern Korea, from outstanding dates of the Peace Movement. But why, it may be asked, from the Peace Movement?

Ezekiel gave warning (Ezek. 13) that before the last great conflict of all — "the battle in the day of the Lord" — certain "foolish prophets," seducers, in an attempt to secure world peace, would build a wall "with untempered mortar," which at length would be swept away by a storm and "great hailstones" (a war accompanied by aerial bombing). This, as we know,

was the fate of the League of Nations, and is likely to be that of the United Nations Organization, whose promoters have ignored God's revealed purpose to establish world peace when Christ comes again.

Observe, then, that from the inauguration of the League of Nations at Geneva,‡ and the Opening of the Locarno Conference — referred to at the time as "the real Peace Congress of Europe" — intervals of  $7 \times 1290$  days have run out respectively to the explosion of the first atomic bomb over Japan, and the Communist invasion of Korea:



† 1290 days = 43 prophetic months of 30 days.  
43 solar months = 3 years 7 months.

Seven times 3 yrs. 7 mos. = 25 yrs. 1 month, which was the period between Aug. 4th, 1914 and Sept. 3rd, 1939.

‡ In Mr. David Davidson's recent article,

"The Siege of Civilization" (see DESTINY for August 1950), he said: "The stages of disintegration began when the League of Nations was formed and have continued after the function of that body had passed on into the United Nations Organization."

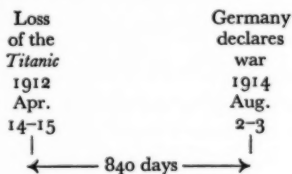
\* See "1950 — A Displacement Year," DESTINY for June 1950. Single copies 25 cents. Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

## Warning

Of this closing epoch Christ said there shall be "fearful sights" and portents. And the loss of the *Titanic* on April 14th-15th, 1912, the greatest liner afloat at that time, believed to be unsinkable, with between fifteen and sixteen hundred souls aboard, has been regarded as one. For instance, Mr. Harold Norris, early in 1914, wrote in his book, *When Will Our Lord Return?*:

"This awful disaster, I believe, stands as a striking warning of the time of catastrophe which closes the present age."

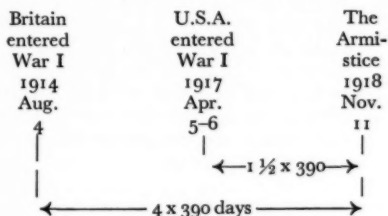
The Divine period of warning given to Noah for the Flood was 120 years



## Israel

On a certain occasion the Prophet Ezekiel was told to do a very strange thing. He had to lie on his left side 390 days to signify a coming period of chastisement for Israel, the ten tribes; as distinct from a shorter period of punishment in store for Judah (Ezek. 4: 5).

Britain's period in World War I, from Aug. 4th, 1914, to the Armistice, Nov. 11th, 1918, was 4 times 390 days; while that of the United States, from April 5th-6th, 1917 to Nov. 11th, 1918,

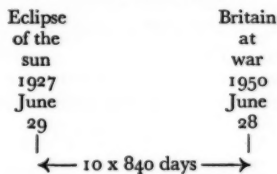


## Antichrist

Six in the Bible is the number of human imperfection — man destitute of God. The height of Goliath was 6 cubits; he had 6 pieces of armor; his spear's head weighed 600 shekels (I Sam. 17: 4-7). Nebuchadnezzar's image was 60 cubits high and 6 cubits broad (Dan. 3: 1). And 666 is the number of Antichrist — Satanic power (Rev. 13: 18) — the Beast power whose armies shall at last make war against the One on the white horse and His army (Rev. 19: 19).

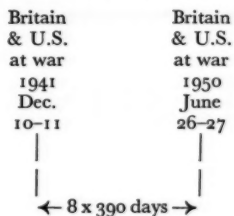
(Gen. 6: 3); and such a period in days multiplied by seven (7 x 120) represents 840 days, which was the precise interval between the *Titanic* disaster and the day Germany declared war on France, Aug. 2nd-3rd, 1914.

But Christ said there would also be signs in the heavens — "the sun shall be darkened" — and in *Divine Time Measures*, published in 1933, we suggested that the total eclipse of the sun on June 29th, 1927 — the first to have been visible over England for more than a hundred years — might have been such a warning sign. From that date to June 28th, 1950, when Britain entered the present conflict, the interval was 10 times 840 days.



was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times 390 days. The resolution declaring that a state of war existed between the U.S.A. and Germany was passed by the Senate, April 4th, 1917 and by the Lower House, after a debate, on April 5th-6th, 1917. Hence, both Britain and the United States bore lost Israel's time-mark in the 1914-1918 war.

In the 1939-1945 war, with Japan's entry, the United States came in on the side of Britain on December 10th-11th, 1941, which date fell just 8 x 390 days prior to June 26th-27th, 1950.



The white horse was a symbol of the Anglo-Saxon race, as evidenced from history and from the white horses cut by our ancestors in the chalk hills on Wiltshire and Berkshire. In Scripture the white horse is one of Israel's emblems. As Israel was to be guided, strengthened and upheld by the Lord (Gen. 49: 24; Num. 23: 24; Isa. 41: 10-12; Mic. 7: 16, etc.) so, in Revelation 6: 2, the white horse with its Rider is seen going forth "conquering, and to conquer" and, in Revelation 19: 19-21, is seen at last victorious over the forces of Antichrist.

## Books on

# The Great Pyramid

By David Davidson

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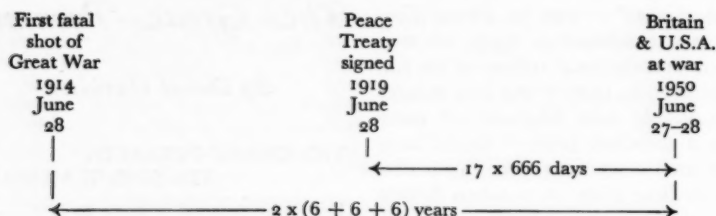
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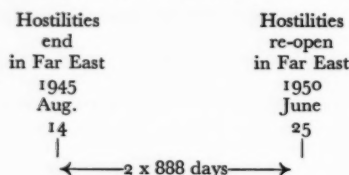
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# Purging Away the Dross

By HOWARD B. RAND

MANY CHRISTIAN men and women are greatly disturbed today about the increase in moral laxity, both individual and national, with past high standards of virtue seemingly inundated by a rising tide of indifference. Personal activities which would have brought immediate condemnation two or three decades ago are now accepted by the modern Church and society as a whole as a perfectly ethical standard of present-day conduct. Popular novels are written to glorify the so-called emancipation of mankind from the puritanical restrictions of the past. Literally there is rejoicing among the worldly-minded that those who formerly witnessed to the need of adhering to strict principles of Christian conduct are now a powerless and almost voiceless minority unable to impose any taboos upon human passions and desires.

## *A Divine Purpose*

What is being entirely overlooked by both Christians and the world at large today is the Divine design in allowing the evil scum, or dross, composed of all that is unrighteous and iniquitous, to rise to the surface of modern society. The impurities in modern civilization, such as widespread dishonesty and deceitfulness, immorality, the lack of reverence for God and His laws, and the sinister and aggressive evil manifested by dictators who are drenching the earth with the blood of innocent victims, all demonstrate the extent of the total depravity of the unregenerated. Past restraints which previously caused many to hide their corrupt ways from view have now been removed and all kinds of corruption and immoral practices are rising to the surface for all to behold.

## *Destroying Evil*

In the plans of God this revealing of evil in its most sinister aspects is for a specific purpose in order that, through judgment, God may purge away the dross so that evil men and nations may be destroyed. Turning to the dictionary, we find dross defined as the scum thrown off from molten ore or metal,

waste matter or refuse. To purge means to cleanse or purify by separating or carrying off whatever is impure or superfluous. In metallurgy the ore, or metal, must be reduced to a liquid state by the application of tremendous heat so that the impurities will have an opportunity to rise to the surface as slag, or dross; this to be removed, leaving the metal itself free from its impurities. God uses the procedure followed in removing impurities from metal as an illustration of the process He is adopting to remove evil from among His people.

## *Removing Hardness*

Because the people of Isaiah's time were rebellious and refused to heed the call to righteousness or walk in the paths of peace, God declared what He would do:

"I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely [according to pureness] purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin." (Isa. 1: 25.)

Smith and Goodspeed render the opening sentence of this verse, "I will turn my hand against you," thus indicating Divine judgment through the fires of tribulation as the means to bring about the purging of the dross of evil from among His people.

The reference to the removal of their tin has an interesting significance, for tin is added to copper to produce hardness. The product obtained by adding tin to copper is more fusible than copper alone and thus better suited for casting. But it is also harder and less malleable. The statement that the Lord will not only purge the dross from His people, but that He will also remove their tin, is symbolic of taking away their hardness of heart. This hardness of heart today causes men to refuse to heed God's Word or keep His commandments. Through Ezekiel the Lord declares that the pressures He will bring upon His people to compel them to turn to Him will bring about the desired result:

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I

cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." (Ez. 36: 25-27.)

## *Redeemed With Judgment*

We are naturally led to inquire what the process will be that the Lord will use to bring about such drastic changes, first in purging away all evil, afterward in causing His people to willingly follow in the paths of righteousness. We are not left in doubt as to the method God will employ for through Isaiah we are told that Zion, the Israel government, will be *redeemed with judgment* and her converts with righteousness (Isa. 1: 27). But of the wicked, the scum or dross, among His people, the prophet declares:

"And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed." (Isa. 1: 28.)

## *Tribulation Heat*

Judgment, then, is to play a major part in bringing men to a realization of the necessity to turn from their evil ways. Isaiah recognized this when he said:

"When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." (Isa. 26: 9.)

Before God can purge away the scum of unrighteousness from His people, and cleanse them from all evil, it is essential that they be put into the crucible and subjected to the heat of tribulation through judgment so that the evils and impurities in their midst may rise to the surface. World Wars I and II, as well as the coming conflict we shall call World War III, are all a part of this process of judgment, with the time of great tribulation to be completed by the events of the coming Great and Terrible Day of the Lord.

## *No Peace*

Men are disturbed because of their inability to make lasting peace, not

realizing that Isaiah has already given expression to the reason why they cannot do so:

"The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." (Isa. 57: 20-21.)

Men may express themselves in high-sounding phrases to state that they are searching for the "formula for peace" which they confidently expect to discover as soon as the majority have the "will for peace." But the formula for peace is righteousness and man is neither able nor willing to apply this formula as yet.

The very fact that men are unable to secure the blessings of peace is in itself evidence of Divine judgment operating in human affairs as God moves to compel the evil dross to rise to the surface preparatory to the day when He will remove from His Kingdom all who commit iniquity.

### *Exalted in Judgment*

It is certain that throughout the centuries a world cursed by sin has given a full demonstration in the march of history of the impossibility of allowing unregenerated men to gain unlimited control of power and authority over their fellow men. A perusal of the history of the past, along with the present increase in evil upon the earth, indicates that, if man were left to himself, he would bring about the end of all things. It was this vision of self-inflicted destruction that led H. G. Wells to conclude, "There is no way out, no way through, and no way over. It is the end." But Mr. Wells failed to take into account the Divine purpose of the God of heaven who has decreed, "My righteousness shall not be abolished" (Isa. 51: 6). Nevertheless, through judgment the Lord has declared:

"The mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled." (Isa. 5: 15.)

All this is to be brought about when His judgments are in the earth, for the prophet declares:

"The Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness." (Isa. 5: 16.)

Because the purpose of judgment is to destroy evil and evil men, and exalt the Lord by revealing His righteousness, His people will be purified through the fires of tribulation and

come forth as nations from which all evil will have been removed — a people ready and willing to know His will and abide by it. Jeremiah expressed it this way:

"Behold, the whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it." (Jer. 30: 23-24.)

### *Hand of the Lord*

It is at this time that the hand of the Lord will be resting heavily upon His people through pressures exerted upon them to compel obedience to His commandments. Speaking of this final judgment, Jeremiah states:

"Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is The Lord." (Jer. 16: 21.)

The day of Divine indignation is already upon us and evil is being revealed as aggressively present in our midst because men and women are failing to observe the laws of righteousness. The underworld of organized crime is also active as never before, while internationally the nations are becoming angry as Soviet Russia intensifies her program to seize world rule in defiance of Almighty God. Men's hearts are failing them for fear, as Jesus predicted they would, as the end of the age approaches (Luke 21: 26). But God has declared through Ezekiel that He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked; rather, His desire is that they turn from their evil ways and live. His instructions through Ezekiel are:

"I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ez. 33: 11.)

### *Purpose of Judgment*

Many are apt to think of judgment as only punitive and destructive, but the Scriptures show us the two-fold nature of the judgment process. It reveals and removes evil, condemning it to destruction; it cleanses and purifies the remainder, fitting it for spiritual use. Therefore, judgment both destroys and saves.

As we follow the course of God's dealings with His people, we are led to

understand that the reason this is true is due entirely to His covenants with His people. Though in His foreknowledge God knew that Israel would be rebellious to the extreme in days to come, He nevertheless entered into *unconditional* covenants with our forefathers. Therefore, He has declared again and again that He would not cast us off forever for our sins because of those covenants and for the sake of the honor of His own Name, but He has said as well that He would not leave us wholly unpunished. His message through Jeremiah is an illustration of this:

"For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished." (Jer. 30: 11.)

The chief end of judgment, then, is to reveal and remove the incorrigible from the earth, just as the metallurgist removes the dross that has risen to the surface of the molten metal, so that when it later cools, it will not be defiled by the presence of impurities. The metal is then fit for the many uses for which it was prepared. So it is to be with God's people, for after the dross of evil has been purged from their midst, they will be ready to function as the nucleus of the Kingdom of God and exemplify the administration of righteousness unto the ends of the earth.

### *Housecleaning Needed*

It will not be until this becomes true that His people will be able to lead the nations into paths of righteousness and peace. God will not bless our undertakings with success, either national or international, until the whole Anglo-Saxon world does some spiritual housecleaning of its own. As the Israel of God today, we will not be entrusted with world-wide power and dominion until after the dross has all been removed. Only then will the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations be in a position to present to the nations around them a system of government and a perfect economy worthy of adoption by all. Actually, our world-wide commitments are being made prematurely and the result is embarrassment and trouble for us, as well as for those we try to serve, as God uses international reactions against us to intensify the judgment upon us for our national and individual sins.

### *Hidden Beneath Impurities*

Today we are undertaking to pressure many peoples into adopting our imperfect mode of administration, erroneously termed "democracy" by the unthinking. Instead of accepting our overtures, we are being labelled imperialistic and our motives are misunderstood because as a nation we are far from free ourselves from injustice and evil practices within our own borders. Often the men and women entrusted with the task of representing our way of life to other nations are themselves corrupt. Furthermore, the demonstration of our kind of democracy in operation in backward areas of the world, and particularly in the Far East in the handling of our foreign policy in China, has been fraught with intrigue and conniving.

It is no wonder that the heathen can see little to commend itself to them of our Western ways if they are to judge by the type and character of those purporting to represent our nation in their lands. Why should they be greatly impressed when the more astute among them recognize that they are nothing more than political pawns in the game being played in international politics?

### *By Example*

The truly great heart of America and the inherent desire to assist others — which is, indeed, a characteristic of our race — is for the present submerged beneath the impurities of the dross that must first be removed before we can become an instrument of real power under Divine command in the world. When as a nation we turn to the righteousness of the administration of the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Law of the Lord, then *by example*, and not through political pressure, nations will be compelled into accepting our way of life and will become willing and anxious to walk according to our righteous laws. It will not be until we have set our own house in order that such an influence for good will be exercised over the nations around us.

### *Futile Methods*

Every effort we are now making to establish our present global policies is destined to fail because as yet we have not become a righteous people advocating a program of righteousness. It is an impossible task to bring justice

and equity to others until we first learn its blessings for ourselves.

Our present program will continue to produce results wide of the mark and in many areas of the world, at a time when we ought to be offering a firm, effective policy, we only "lose face" at every point of contest. The following paragraph taken from the article titled "Strategic Idiocy and Moral Principle" by George Morgenstern in *Human Events* for July 19, 1950 is an apt illustration.

"We were solemnly informed that Russia had succeeded in investing the North Korean Communists with a fighting faith and will. Misguided they might be, but there it was. What to do? Senator Benton came forward, to great applause from the internationalist gallery, with the suggestion that we embark upon 'a Marshall Plan of ideas.' We should export righteousness by radio and persuade the lesser breeds that our moral principles and material assistance were a better bargain in the long run than anything Russia had to offer."

This is ridiculous on the face of it but, actually, the idea to "export righteousness by radio" over Voice of America broadcasts is no less futile than any of our other schemes at the present time. Even our money being spent all over the world does not accomplish what we want it to do. They take our money and our free goods, but they do not understand, neither do they want, our long dissertations upon the benefits of our way of life.

### *Established in Righteousness*

Because of gross maladministration, the Lord declares His people are afflicted, tossed by the tempest and are not comforted (Isa. 54: 11). But He also describes a day of peace to come:

"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." (Isa. 54: 13.)

We are then told that the key to the establishment of such conditions of perfection is righteousness:

"In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee." (Isa. 54: 14.)

### *Covenant of Peace*

Meantime, God's judgments continue and His hand will rest upon us until we are compelled to turn to Him, after which He will write His laws in our hearts and put them into

our inward parts. Thereafter the Lord promises:

"Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore." (Ez. 37: 26-28.)

Smith and Goodspeed translate this:

"I will make with them a covenant of peace — an everlasting covenant shall it be with them — and I will bless them and multiply them. And I will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forever, and my dwelling-place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And when my sanctuary is set in the midst of them forever, the nations shall know that I the Lord am setting Israel apart for myself."

### *Mountain of the Lord*

In that day it will become universal knowledge that the Lord God did establish His Kingdom at Mount Sinai and that Kingdom, cleansed and purified, will be the Mecca of the nations, for the Lord God of Israel will be present in their midst. Micah refers to the time when the Kingdom will be established over all nations as follows:

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it." (Micah 4: 1.)

This statement by the Prophet Micah is in complete accord with Daniel's interpretation of the meaning of Nebuchadnezzar's dream when he declared that the Stone Kingdom would grow into a great mountain, or Kingdom, and fill the whole earth:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." (Dan. 2: 44.)\*

This is the same Kingdom that Micah identifies as the Mountain of the House of the Lord that will be exalted above all kingdoms. It is also the very Kingdom of which Isaiah is

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speaking when he declares the Glory of the Lord will be seen upon it, with the result:

"And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." (Isa. 60: 3.)

### *Nations Shall Come*

When that day comes it will not be necessary for God's people to endeavor to compel men and nations to keep the peace or undertake to force them to accept our way of life. Cleansed of all evil, and with the Law of the Lord operating as the law of the land, the Kingdom will be established in righteousness — a fact that will be self-evident to all who behold the perfection of its administration. The prosperity, peace and tranquility that will be enjoyed by all within the Kingdom will produce the following results:

"And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain [Kingdom] of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." (Micah 4: 2.)

Think for a moment what this will mean. The backward areas, the heathen peoples and the nations who today despise His people will be anxious to come to them to learn of their ways and follow in their paths. This is not "Point Four," but it is the Divine appointment of Israel, represented in modern days by the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples. Walking in the glorious light of righteousness, they will, by practice and example, furnish to all peoples the solution to every problem which today causes privation, distress and affliction:

"For the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Micah 4: 2.)

### *The Prince of Peace*

But above all, at the head of the Israel government, administering the affairs of state, will be the One of whom Isaiah speaks, declaring that the government will be upon His shoulders. The prophet mentions some of His matchless titles:

"Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." (Isa. 9: 6-7.)

It is of Jesus Christ, the coming Ruler who will take the throne of His father David, that the prophet is speaking, of whom he also says:

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." (Isa. 11: 2-4.)

Continuing in the same strain, Micah says:

"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." (Micah 4: 3-4.)

### *A Glorious Future*

A glorious future awaits the people of God after the dross has been removed through tribulation and judgment. That the day of removal of all evil from His Kingdom is now here is clearly evidenced by the fact that we are witnessing all forms of corruption rising to the surface. As the fires of

tribulation accelerate the processes of separation, we see that the time is at hand according to the Divine plan of the ages for the following prediction of our Lord to swiftly come to pass:

"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity." (Matt. 13: 41.)

After all, the severity of judgment can be endured when we know it is necessary in order to bring about the restoration of righteousness to all His people. Under the blessings of the new order of the ages, when war will no longer afflict mankind, when universal peace will become a reality, the tribulations and troubles of the present will seem as nothing in comparison with the blessings which will follow the full restoration of all things as spoken of by all the prophets.

As we contemplate the full meaning of the marvelous changes on the Divine agenda, which are to occur in the near future, we can exclaim with Isaiah: "Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence. As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! . . . For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him" (Isa. 64: 1-4).

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RECENTLY I became utterly tired of reading about national and international plotting against the peace of the world; of the various acts of violence that were being committed all over the earth; and about the empty-headed boasting of many who claim to understand the meaning of current affairs, but whose utterances disclose that they have no conception of the actual meaning of what is taking place in the world. I therefore decided that I must take my mind off these things and think for a moment of something worthwhile, and there came to mind the following words of the Prophet Micah:

"In the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." (Micah 4: 1-4.)

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Compared with the flood of bad news reported daily by the Press, this is very good news indeed. There is something tremendously refreshing and triumphant about the prophet's declaration and, best of all, it is absolutely authoritative. There is no doubt about it! After detailing what is to take place, there comes the clear and definite assurance that it is not man's imagination but the declaration of Almighty God Himself, for "the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." The two prophets, Isaiah and Micah, were given the same message, and it is a Scriptural axiom that a statement

made by two or more witnesses is beyond question, and certain to have fulfillment, for "at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" (Deut. 19: 15).

This good news is that "the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it." We are not used to reading great announcements in such terms; in fact, the words used are so alien to our modern conception that there are some who cannot understand them, and who wonder just exactly how such language can describe events associated with modern life.

## *Biblical Symbolism*

In Biblical symbolism mountains are often used to signify kingdoms, and it is so in this case. The "mountain of the house of the Lord" is the Kingdom of God and, once this is recognized, it is easy to understand the meaning of the statement: the Kingdom of God shall become the chief Kingdom among all nations of the world, being recognized as superior to all other kingdoms, and with which all other kingdoms will ultimately be merged. We have a picture of this final consummation in the triumphant proclamation of the last book of the Bible:

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." (Rev. 11: 15.)

The functioning of the Kingdom of God on earth is declared in the Bible to be the completion of the Divine plan and purpose for humanity. That purpose, although frustrated through the ages by man's rebellion, will inevitably be fulfilled. When will it happen? The prophet Micah answers: "In the last days it shall come to pass." When is that? Very soon now, we believe.

## *The Last Days*

We are living in the last days — the last days of this generation and of this

age. Every one of the outstanding happenings which have occurred during the lifetime of this generation, and are taking place now, is indicative of the truth of this statement. The tremendous experiences through which we have passed; the drastic changes which have taken place in the world; the division of mankind into two hostile camps; the continuance of the so-called cold war and the desperate attempts that are now being made to find ways and means of establishing world peace — all are fulfillments of what the prophets have spoken. They also vindicate the words of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, whose prophetic description of world conditions immediately previous to His return to reign over the Kingdom of God on earth exactly corresponds with the present state of affairs. We should therefore be on the alert, watching for the coming of the Lord.

What will be the result of the functioning of the Kingdom of God on earth? The prophet says that there will be universal good government:

"Many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." (Micah 4: 2.)

In other words, at long last the prophecy of Jeremiah will have been fulfilled and the nations will realize the fact:

"Behold . . . a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, the Lord our righteousness." (Jer. 23: 5-6.)

## *Israel Redeemed and Restored*

This brings to mind another thought. Israel is in the picture, Israel redeemed and restored and, at last, recognizing her responsibility as the servant people commissioned to demonstrate the perfection of the Divine system of government which God has laid down for the administration of human affairs. When "the mountain of the house of the

Lord" is established, true Israel — represented by the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples — Christian Israel, will come into her inheritance. When the Kingdom of God was first established, Moses reminded Israel of the tremendous responsibility which was hers:

"What nation is there so great who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?" (Deut. 4: 7-8.)

### *Center of World Government*

But Israel soon forgot, and throughout the centuries she has continued to ignore her responsibility. Today, it may well be said of her as in the days of Isaiah: "Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." Very soon now a great awakening will come. We, who are the citizens of Israel, although we may not recognize or understand the fact, shall be brought to our senses by the conditions through which we have yet to pass, the threat of conflict and economic collapse. The seeming prosperity which is ours today is only a hollow sham, and the bubble will soon be pricked with all its tragic consequences. Then finally, this false world order having been removed, the Kingdom of God will function. It will be a literal Kingdom with its King, its citizens, and its governmental center, of which the prophet declares:

"The law shall go forth of Zion, and

the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Micah 4: 2.)

The center of world government and the focal point of religious worship are to be Jerusalem, which is described in the Bible as "the city of the great king," "the city which I have chosen," and for the peace of which we are exhorted to pray.

### *Benefits of Righteous Rule*

What will be the result of world government from Jerusalem? First, the government will be a righteous one; stern and uncompromising, yet absolutely just and, above all, of such a nature that the lust for war will depart and the nations "shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Secondly, the world will enjoy real peace, something which it has not experienced since the beginning of human history and which it will only enjoy when Jesus Christ has returned and occupied the throne of His Father David, and when the government is "upon his shoulder." No matter how hard the nations of the world may plan for peace, no matter how great may be the protestations of the United Nations and its supporters, real peace will not be established on this earth until Jesus Christ returns as King!

### *Changed Citizens*

Thirdly, in a world at peace there will

be social security and the administration of human affairs according to Divine laws will result in perfect justice and equity. More than that, the citizens of the Kingdom will have become changed men and women. God has declared that He will give them "a new heart" and "a new spirit":

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean. . . . A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." (Ez. 36: 25-27.)

Then men will neither obey the law for fear of the consequences of disobedience, nor because it is the respectable thing to do, but because of an inward desire to be obedient; and obedience will bring, as God has promised, that well-being which is our heart's desire.

We are on the threshold of a new era, and it may be that before we cross that threshold many difficulties will be experienced and many obstacles will have to be removed. Once the threshold is crossed, however, there will open up a vista of blessing and happiness such as the mind of man can scarcely conceive; for the Kingdom of God shall function, God's purpose will be carried out, war shall be no more, and social security will be a fact, "for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it!"

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Sufficient evidence has been available over a period of years to establish the purpose of the Kremlin to attack when the day came that success seemed to be assured for their armed forces in such evil aggression. These facts were, or should have been, known to our officials and as leaders in this great nation they, too, must bear their share of the responsibility. The Prophet Ezekiel expressed the lack of perception on the part of those whose duty it was to prepare our defenses for the day of battle when he said of our leaders:

"Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord." (Ez. 13: 5.)

Party politics and the bid for continuation in office have taken precedence over national security, with funds voted by Congress for defense frozen by order of the White House. Ezekiel's prophecy of the failure of our national leaders to prepare our nation for the battle in the Great Day of the Lord as the Kremlin presses the conflict in their war upon God is most disquieting and bodes ill for the well-being of our people.

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# THE BOOK OF THE KINGDOM

## CHAPTER XVI

(Continued)

### *David Gives Thanks*

**A**LTHOUGH DAVID's purpose to build a temple in the Kingdom of Israel was rejected by the Lord, who stated His will in the matter through Nathan the Prophet, He nevertheless made it clear to David that He was pleased with his devotion and would Himself do great things through David and his posterity. When David heard all that the Lord revealed through Nathan concerning the preservation of his family line, and the perpetuity of his throne and Kingdom, he went in before the Lord to worship. He expressed his realization that it was no small matter that the Lord had raised him up to power and kingship in Israel. Now He had also spoken of David's house "for a great while to come." David recognized his inability to make a suitable response to the Lord, but the Lord knew what was in his heart, so he praised Him for making these things known to him and declared there is no one so great as the Lord. Speaking of Israel, David said:

"And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible . . . thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, Lord, art become their God." (II Sam. 7: 23-24.)

David then made his acknowledgment before the Lord that he had received Nathan's words:

"And now, O Lord God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said. And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee." (II Sam. 7: 25-26.)

Prayer today is often only a petition asking God for something when men seek Him for relief in time of trouble. The exercise of the privilege to thank God in prayer during periods of peace and prosperity is almost entirely neglected. David here sets an excellent example that it would be well for all to follow when he turned to God in thanksgiving for the blessings bestowed upon him. God had prospered David and given him great power and victory over the nations around him. Now the future had been made known to him and he was shown that his posterity would continue as a royal line reigning on the throne of the Lord in Israel for generations to come.

### *David's House*

The covenant God made with David commenced the period of the greatness of his house for all time to come. From that day and forward the history of David's House was made separate and distinct from that of the House of Judah and the House of Israel. Not only is the history of these houses kept wholly separate, but prophecy foretells an interesting story regarding their very different destinies. *In order to clearly follow the subsequent history of each, it is imperative that these distinctions be kept clearly in mind.*

### *Israel's Forward March*

We are now entering upon an interesting chapter in the story the Bible tells, for that story deals primarily with the people who are the race of the Book. As they march down the corridor of time, the history of this people keeps perfect pace with prophecy as it was foretold by the Lord's prophets. Today they are still marching on and they are as surely being guided by God as they were guided by Him of old.

### *Kingdom Established*

David went out to fight against the Philistines, completely subjecting them to his authority, after which he attacked Moab and exacted tribute from them. He then expanded the borders of his Kingdom to the Euphrates River and brought many peoples under his rule, laying tribute upon them. David's Kingdom was not confined to Palestine alone, but included the territory from Egypt to the Euphrates River and from the Mediterranean Sea to the borders of India. Enormous sums in silver and gold, besides all kinds of goods, came into his coffers as tribute from the nations he had subdued. He laid up a great store of gold and silver, dedicating it all to the service of the Lord. Then he established garrisons in the conquered territories and placed his sons as chief rulers over those provinces.

### *Saul's Sons*

David made inquiry as to whether any of the descendants of Saul were alive, for he desired to show kindness to them for Jonathan, his friend's sake. He was informed that Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, was alive but he was lame. Mephibosheth was brought to David and the land of his father was restored to him. Though David had risen to greatness, he was not unmindful of his oath to Jonathan, thus exhibiting a fine example of fidelity and friendship.

### *David's Servants Insulted*

The King of Ammon died and Hanun his son ascended the Ammonite throne. David desired to honor him and sent a delegation to express his sorrow because of the death of his father. But Hanun accepted the counsel of his ministers that David was planning harm for him and he mistreated the men. The people of Ammon were terrified when they found out how their king had insulted David and they hired thirty-three thousand Syrians to help them.

David sent Joab with his army against them and Joab was hard pressed in the battle. Evidently the Syrians had come up behind him as he was attacking the Ammonites. When Joab saw that he had to meet both a frontal and rear attack, he arranged his forces in the form of a hollow square and gave his brother Abishai charge over one section while he took charge over the other. This is the origin of the famous British square formation used so effectively in their colonial campaigns. When they were prepared in battle array, Joab admonished his men to fight for the city of their God:

"Be of good courage and let us summon all our strength for

the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the Lord do that which is good in his sight." (II Sam. 10: 12, *Smith and Goodspeed Trans.*)

Ammon and the Syrians were defeated and fled together into their city. Joab refrained from pursuing the armies further, for evidently, while he was able to defeat them through the use of the famous square formation, he was not in a position to follow up this victory. He returned to Jerusalem and Ammon recouped the fighting strength of his defeated forces by sending for help from the Syrians who were beyond the River Euphrates in Mesopotamia.

David gathered all Israel to meet this new threat and he defeated the armies that came against him. The king of Assyria then made peace with David, evidently paying tribute to him, for he feared to help the Ammonites further. The following year, at the time when kings go forth to battle (that is, late summer and early fall) David sent Joab with his army against Ammon. The Ammonites shut themselves up in the city of Rabbah, but Israel lay siege to the city. David, in the meantime, remained in Jerusalem.

### *David's Sin*

David should have been at the front with his army for, had he been there, he might not have sinned. One night David arose from his couch and walking on the roof of his palace he saw Bath-sheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, bathing on an opposite rooftop. She was a beautiful woman and David sent for her to come to him. In so doing he violated the Law of the Lord which declares: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Later Bath-sheba sent a note to David, telling him she was to give birth to a child.

This news brought home to David the enormity of what he had done and he resorted to desperate measures wholly out of keeping with his character. He sent a note to Joab to send Uriah the Hittite to him and when he arrived David inquired about the progress of the battle. He then told Uriah he might go home, but Uriah went about the business of the King and remained with the officers in the palace. When David was informed that Uriah had not gone home he asked the reason for this and Uriah replied that, as long as the army was in battle in the field, he would not go home to eat and drink. That night David invited Uriah to dine with him and he succeeded in getting him drunk, but Uriah still remained with the officers. David then sent Uriah back to the battle front with a note to Joab containing secret instructions:

"Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die." (II Sam. 11: 15.)

David's final contemptible act was to plot to kill Uriah and, because this plan succeeded, he brought about the death of the husband of Bath-sheba. Joab complied with David's request and Uriah perished in battle with the men of Israel's army. Joab sent a messenger to David to make a report and he told the messenger that, if David became angry because of the loss of life, he was to say:

"Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." (II Sam. 11: 21.)

When the wife of Uriah heard that he was dead, she mourned for her husband. Then, after the days of her mourning were ended, David sent for her and she became his wife.

### *Nathan Sent to David*

The account of this shameful chapter in David's life concludes with the terse statement:

"But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord." (II Sam. 11: 27.)

The Lord directed Nathan the Prophet to go to David and he began his conversation with the King by telling him a story. There were two men in one city, he said, and one was rich while the other was poor. The rich man had many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb that he had carefully raised. The lamb grew up together with the man and his children and was as close to him as any of his family. Nathan went on to say that a traveler came to the rich man's home, but the rich host wanted to spare his own flocks so he took the poor man's lamb and killed and dressed it, setting it before the traveler to eat. David was overcome with anger at the story and he said to Nathan:

"As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." (II Sam. 12: 5-6.)

The prophet turned to David and said, "Thou art the man!" With this story as a background, David was led into condemning himself.

### *Judgment Upon David*

Then Nathan said, "Thus saith the Lord God," and the prophet proceeded to recount all that the Lord had done for David, asserting that He would have done more if it had been necessary. He accused David in plain words and declared part of the Lord's judgment:

"Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? Thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife." (II Sam. 12: 9-10.)

David stood before the Lord accused of covetousness, adultery and murder and he exclaimed, "I have sinned against the Lord." An outstanding characteristic of the man was his immediate repentance after his great sin was pointed out to him. His sincere repentance was evidenced by the fact that he never again repeated the wrong he had done. Nathan told David that the Lord had pardoned his sin and he would not die, but the full extent of judgment for his sin was pronounced upon him:

"Because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die." (II Sam. 12: 14.)

### *Libeling God*

Through this sin David made it possible for ungodly men to scoff, for he had given an occasion for the enemies of the Lord to question Divine justice. This scoffing was not confined to David's time alone, but throughout the ages the atheists and ungodly men have used this incident in David's life to denounce God. It has truly become, as Nathan said it would, an occasion for the enemies of God to libel Him. For both adultery and murder the law required the death penalty, but those who would condemn

God for showing mercy to David are personally in no position to question His justice, for while they may not have committed the crimes with which David was charged, yet they are themselves in need of mercy since no man is without sin. God knew the heart of David and all the circumstances and conditions and it was His prerogative to condemn or pardon as justice required.

### *Consequences of Sin*

It might seem unjust that the child was condemned to die since he was the innocent victim of the wrong committed. However, God, in His foreknowledge, was merciful, for a child born under such circumstances, particularly into the Royal household, would face tremendous handicaps. His heritage would be marred and as he grew to manhood he would be a marked individual always associated with David's terrible sin. His personal suffering would have been great and a successful career in life hampered by the unfortunate conditions of his birth.

### *David's Responsibility*

David's sin not only furnishes an occasion for the enemies of the Lord to revile Him, but the fact that David kept Bath-sheba as his wife has been used by ungodly men to challenge God's justice. Evil men have said he should not have been allowed to keep her, but why should Bath-sheba have been made to suffer more than David for a wrong he, as King, had committed? David had issued a command for Bath-sheba to be brought to his palace and she had no choice but to obey the command of her King. David then brought about the death of her husband, the one who was her sole support. Had David turned her out of his palace, she would have been the greater sufferer for the sin he had committed. In David's time the life of a woman who had no means of support would have been far from a happy one. Under the circumstances the Law of the Lord declared the woman to be innocent, for she had no means of protection from the advances of her King. The method of handling the case against David clearly indicates that the woman was free from sin, for under conditions beyond her control the law states:

"For as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so is this matter." (Deut. 22: 26.)

Again, under the law David was responsible for creating the situation that existed and was therefore duty bound to provide for the woman all the days of her life. To have relieved David of this responsibility would have been the extreme of injustice to the woman he had wronged.

If the Law of the Lord were the law of our land today, many would think twice before they jeopardized their freedom and right of action under comparable circumstances. The guilty man under the law would be duty bound by that law to provide for the one sinned against all the rest of her life. God declared that a wife taken under such conditions could never be divorced for any cause. Think what this would mean today? If those who desire to do wrong realized that by their acts they were entering upon a life contract from which there would be no escape except by death, it would have a salutary effect in curbing the actions of many men. The day is coming when this will be the law, for the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord will be administered as the law of the land.

### *The Child's Death*

The child born of Bath-sheba became sick and David fasted all through the night. The officers of his palace came to him, but he would not be comforted, nor would he eat. At the end of seven days the child died. David's officers feared to tell him that the child was dead, for when the child was alive, he would not listen to them. Now, they thought, it would be much worse when he learned of the baby's death. David saw the officers whispering together and he asked them if the child had died. They informed him that it was so. David arose, washed and prepared himself, and then sat down to eat. His officers were astonished and asked him the meaning of his conduct. David replied that while the child was living he had fasted, for who could know but that the Lord might repent. But now that the child was dead, there was no need to fast, for he could not bring him back to life again. Then he said:

"I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." (II Sam. 12: 23.)

David knew that the child had not sinned and in death would not be lost to him forever. After this he comforted Bath-sheba his wife and she later bore him a son who was named Solomon; that is, the *peaceful* or the *perfect*. We are told that a message was sent to Nathan the Prophet and by order of the Lord the child was called "Jedidiah;" that is, "loved by the Lord."

### *Rabbah Captured*

Joab continued the fight against Rabbah and finally took this royal city of the Ammonites. He sent a messenger to David, telling him to come with his army and capture the citadel, or central fortress in the city. David went to Rabbah and captured the fortress and took the crown from the head of its king. This crown was made of gold, adorned with a beautiful stone, and it became David's. He also captured a great quantity of plunder and sent the people of the city to the iron works to manufacture iron. He distributed the people of the rest of the cities throughout his domain, putting them to work in many activities within his empire.

### *Amnon's Crime*

Amnon, David's son, was in love with his half sister who was the sister of Absalom. He was downcast and troubled because he loved her and he finally admitted the fact to a friend. His friend advised him to feign sickness and ask that Tamar, the sister of Absalom, be sent to nurse him. Then she would be in his power. Amnon carried out this scheme and the King sent Tamar to wait upon him as he had requested. After having his way with the girl, his desire for her, based upon passion, turned to hate:

"Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her." (II Sam. 13: 15.)

He drove Tamar from his house and she went away weeping. Absalom, her brother, met her and asked the cause of her troubles. When she told him what had taken place he hated Amnon with a deadly hatred. David the King was also in great anger when he heard what Amnon had done.

Sometime after that Absalom invited the King and his sons, with the ministers, to come to a feast he had prepared. This feast was to be held at his country home where he was shearing sheep. The King could not go, but Absalom insisted that he allow his sons to attend and he especially named Amnon. David finally consented to allow the arrangements to be consummated, permitting his sons to attend.

Absalom had commanded his servants that, when he gave the signal, they were to kill Amnon. In the midst of their wine, when all were making merry, Amnon was slain and the rest of David's sons arose from the table and fled. The report was brought to David that all of his sons were slain, with the result that his ministers were in great distress because of the report. Later it is corrected and Amnon's death only was reported, slain by orders from Absalom who was determined to kill him because he had insulted his sister.

Absalom thereafter fled and went to Geshur, remaining there for three years. David, however, longed for Absalom, for he had become reconciled about the death of Amnon.

### *Absalom Recalled*

Joab knew how the King felt toward Absalom, so he hired a wise woman of Tekoah to disguise herself as a widow and go before the King. This woman appeared before David and cried to him for help. When David asked her what her trouble was she told him she was a widow and her two sons had fought with each other in the field and one had slain the other. She then declared that her family was against her, for they desired that her living son be slain because of the death of his brother. She implored David to spare him because he was her only son and the heir to his father's estate.

David told her to go to her home and he would make inquiry concerning the matter. She then told David to let the responsibility for sparing her son be upon her father's

house, and let David and his throne be guiltless. The King said that whoever would desire to slay her son was to be brought to him, for the woman requested that the King would not allow the avenger of blood to destroy him. David told her nothing would be allowed to harm him.

### *David's Wisdom*

The woman requested that she might speak one more word and her request was granted. Then she spoke up and said that David talked like one who was at fault because he had not brought home his banished son Absalom. David made a request of his own, saying to the woman:

"Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee." (II Sam. 14: 18.)

The woman promised to keep back nothing and David inquired:

"Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this?" (II Sam. 14: 19.)

The woman admitted that Joab had devised the plan she had carried out and she acknowledged the wonderful understanding and wisdom of David.

Joab was instructed by David to bring Absalom back again. Joab went to Geshur and brought Absalom from there to Jerusalem, but David would not see him, giving directions that he was to reside in his own house.

The Bible account describes the handsome appearance of Absalom and declares that from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. Evidently the man was outstanding in this respect and caused a great deal of comment among the people. It was told that he cut his hair once a year because it grew so long and heavy and this hair was sold for an excellent price each year. In all Israel there was not a man as good looking as Absalom.

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July 22, 1950

THE CHART indicates how the Anglo-Saxon nations have drifted into the present crisis in the face of recurrent and well-defined warnings. On November 28, 1945 Senator Edwin C. Johnson told the United States Senate that war with Russia was swiftly approaching. Not until a 7 x 120 "Perfected Warning" cycle had passed did President Truman become sufficiently concerned about the international situation to request a peacetime draft. The request was granted, yet no serious effort to build up the nation's military strength was made until a second 7 x 120 cycle had passed. By then the first armed-clash phase of World War III had opened with the North Korean invasion of South Korea.

Again, collapse of the Paris Conference called to formulate World War II peace terms demonstrated that the Soviet Union wanted no settlement that would not further its aggressive aims. After a perfected 7 x 120 cycle had passed, the storming of the Berlin city hall by Communists stressed anew that the Kremlin leaders would use any violent means to gain their ends. Once more the warning went unheeded.

Finally, despite explicit reports that the Soviets were building a strong striking force in their North Korean puppet, the United States not only evacuated its own troops from South Korea but even failed to provide heavy defensive weapons for the American-sponsored South Korean army. As a result, the Seoul defenders could offer only feeble resistance to the well-armed invaders, and the United States suffered serious losses as the troops it rushed in battled to erect a defense line against an enemy with overwhelming superiority in numbers and armor.

The invasion of South Korea came 7 x 120 days lunar plus two after President Truman requested the peacetime draft on March 17, 1948. Other chronological data marking the fateful June 25, 1950 date was given in the article entitled "War in Korea" which

appeared in DESTINY for August 1950. This month's chart repeats part of that material in order to set the June 25 developments into the unfolding pattern.

Just prior to the outbreak of the Korean war came disquieting reports from the Balkans. Yugoslavia complained on June 23 that the pro-Soviet Bulgarian Government was creating a "war atmosphere" by moving troops "in readiness for battle" toward the Yugoslav frontier. This was 7 x 120 days lunar after March 17, 1948 (center of chart). Overshadowed by headlines of the Korean war, indications of growing tenseness in the Balkans continued to crop up during the charted period.

The link between June 25, 1950 and the September 1, 1939 German aggression against Poland, first noted last month, is repeated at the center of the chart. The same measure of 2520 plus 5 x 286 days connected the September 3, 1939 British declaration of war with the June 27, 1950 United States move throwing its forces behind the South Korean Republic. The United States also granted naval protection to the Island of Formosa and announced stepped-up aid to the Philippines and French Indo-China.

The Soviet Union on June 29 rejected a United States request that she join other United Nations members in helping end the Korean war. The Russians accused the South Korean Government of having "provoked" hostilities and stated that the Kremlin held "to the principle of inadmissibility of interference of foreign Powers in the internal affairs of Korea." However, the mildness of the Soviet reply slightly eased international tension.

Note near the top of the chart that June 29 was 420 days after the May 5, 1949 Four-Power communique on the end of the Berlin blockade. June 29 was also 2 x 286 days lunar after the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the South Korean Republic on December 12, 1948.

The notations fixing December 28, 1948 on the chart show strikingly how

chronological cycles foreshadow coming developments. Note the 1290 plus two days extending from the 1948 date to the June 26, 1952 solar terminal of 2520 days after the United Nations Charter was signed on June 26, 1945. The significance was not fully clear when this material was first published ("Peril In China," DESTINY for February 1949). But now, as the 2 x 286 cycle from December 28, 1948 unfolds, note how amply the "desolation" connotation has been justified. On the lunar date of the 2 x 286 cycle Russia refused to help end the Korean war. On the mean July 7 terminal the United States ordered the draft into operation to replenish armed forces reserves drained by its commitments in the Korean struggle.

While world attention was centered on Korea, the Russians also maintained pressure on Berlin. On July 1 they cut off electric power to the Western sectors of Berlin, a move reminiscent of the great blockade of 1948. This time, however, West Berlin power facilities were able to maintain normal service. The Russians also bred apprehension by large-scale military maneuvers and troop movements in the Berlin area. Intelligence reports indicated that 25,000 East German "police" equipped with regular army weapons were participating in the maneuvers.

Note near the bottom of the chart that these threatening developments came 666 days after Berlin Reds stormed the city hall on September 3, 1948 and also 420 days before August 25, 1951. The latter date will fall 7 x 120 plus two days after the May 5, 1949 communique on the end of the Berlin blockade. The chart ties both the 1948 and 1949 dates in with preceding events.

Reports from diplomatic circles in Hong Kong on July 5 warned that the Chinese Reds might go to the aid of the North Korean Communists. This would be part of a big new surprise the Soviets were planning for America in the Far East. There was also speculation that the Communists might be massing to assault Formosa

despite the protection of the United States Seventh Fleet.

On the same July 5 date, the Russians threatened to intensify their creeping blockade by cutting off coal supplies to Western Berlin.

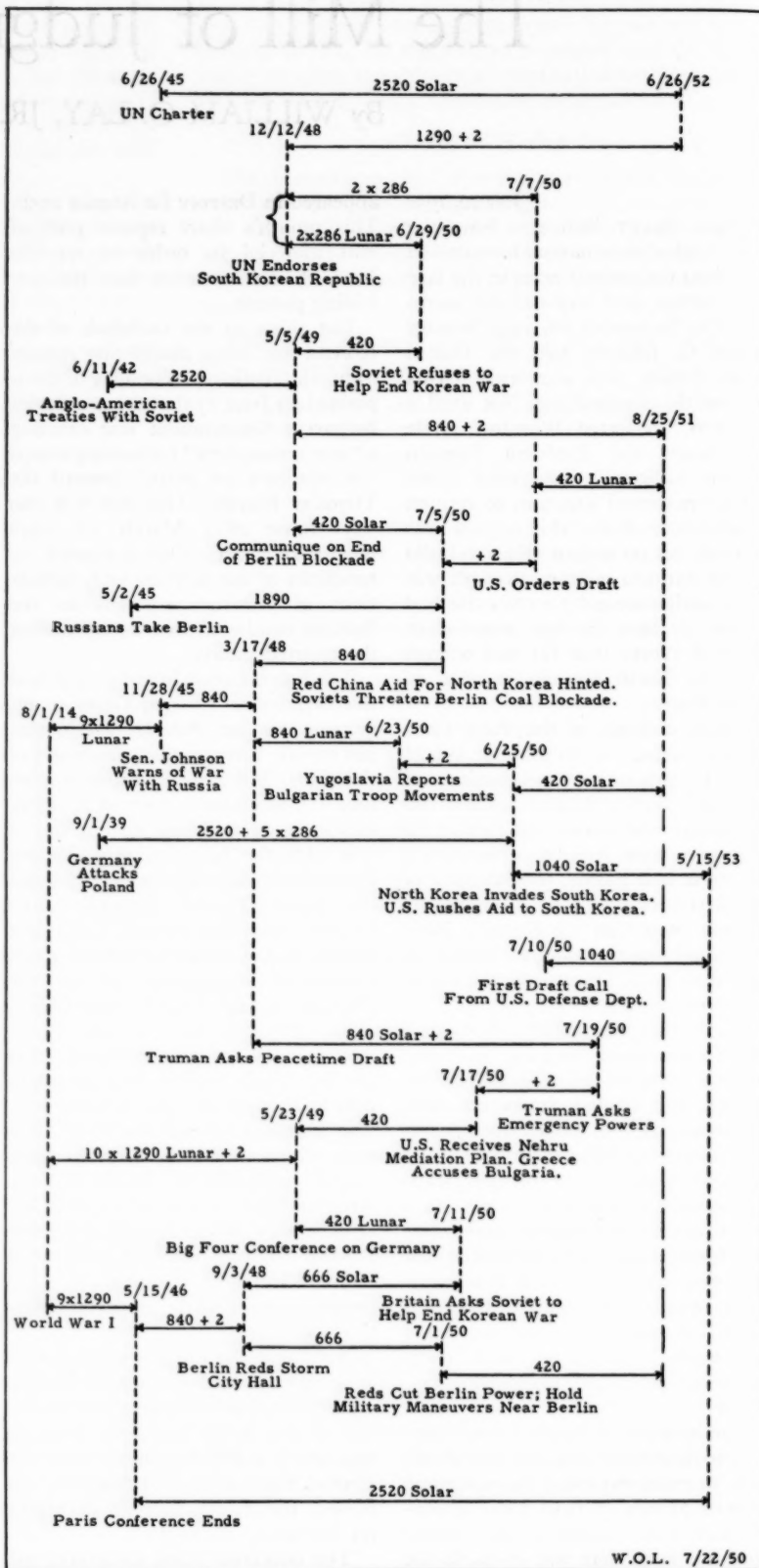
Note on the upper center of the chart that these two "warning" items came exactly  $7 \times 120$  days after President Truman called for peacetime conscription on March 17, 1948. In addition, July 5 was 1890 days after the Russians captured Berlin on May 2, 1945 and 420 days solar after the May 5, 1949 communique on the end of the Berlin blockade.

Developments followed in quick succession as Washington officialdom awoke to the fact that the Korean war would be a grim and prolonged struggle. On July 7 Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson ordered the drafting of men 19 through 25 to reinforce the armed services. Chronological data covering this date is given near the top of the chart. It fell 1890 plus two days after the Soviet capture of Berlin on May 2, 1945 and  $7 \times 120$  plus two days after President Truman ordered peacetime conscription on March 17, 1948. In addition, July 7, 1950 was 420 days solar plus two after May 5, 1949 and 420 days lunar before August 25, 1951.

On July 10 the Washington Defense Department called upon the Selective Service Administration to provide 20,000 inductees for the army. This move came 1040 days before May 15, 1953. The latter date will terminate a period of 2520 days solar after efforts to formulate World War II peace terms collapsed on May 15, 1946. Note at the center of the chart that the solar terminal of the 1040 cycle marked the June 25 invasion of South Korea.

The British sought Russian help in ending the Korean war on July 11 as the British Ambassador met with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Gromyko. This was 666 days solar after the September 3, 1948 Communist march on the Berlin city hall and 420 days lunar after the Big Four Conference on Germany opened on May 23, 1949 (near bottom of chart).

Another move aimed at mediating the Korean war was undertaken by Prime Minister Nehru of India. The Nehru proposals reached Washington on July 17. The suggestion that the United States accept the seating of Chinese Communist delegates on the



United Nations as a condition for ending the war met a cold reception at the State Department.

As indicated near the bottom of the chart, the Nehru proposals were received 420 days after May 23, 1949. The latter date, marking the opening of the Big Four Conference on Germany, fell 10 x 1290 days lunar plus two after Germany opened World War I on August 1, 1914.

Balkan tension continued in evidence on the July 17 date as Greece protested to the United Nations over a "new act of Bulgarian aggression."

The United States rejected the Nehru mediation proposals on July 18. The date (not charted) fell 5 x 286 days after the first of two Yugoslav attacks on United States planes was revealed on August 18, 1946. The latter date was in turn 2 x 1290 days lunar after the September 1, 1939 German attack on Poland.

President Truman on July 19 presented to Congress a broad program for mobilizing the nation's resources behind the campaign in Korea. Measures called for included ten billion dollars in new military spending, heavier taxation, unlimited authority to expand the armed forces, credit controls and broad powers to curb civilian use of basic materials and step up war production.

Limited numbers of reservists were called to active duty immediately. President Truman also authorized the

calling of National Guardsmen and free use of the draft law.

Note on the lower half of the chart that these mobilization steps came 7 x 120 days solar plus two after President Truman requested the peacetime draft on March 17, 1948. The July 19 date was also 420 plus two days after the Big Four Conference on Germany opened on May 23, 1949.

Meanwhile, leading Communists of Europe and Red China gathered in Berlin for an important Cominform meeting. This came as Communist pressure against Yugoslavia was steadily intensifying.

The outstanding pattern formed by the 7 x 120 cycle extending from March 17, 1948 will be seen if it is summarized in review:

*Lunar Terminal* — June 25, 1950 (7 x 120 (840) lunar plus two days after March 17, 1948): South Korea invaded.

*Mean Terminal* — July 7, 1950 (7 x 120 (840) plus two days after March 17, 1948): the United States ordered the draft into operation.

*Solar Terminal* — July 19, 1950 (7 x 120 (840) solar plus two days after March 17, 1948): President Truman asked for broad powers to meet the emergency.

While belatedly girding themselves against the Communist threat, the Anglo-Saxon Powers still do not realize how grave a crisis confronts them. In meeting the Korean situation, Washington leaders were obviously improvising policy from day to day. Optimistic statements were followed within twenty-four hours by grave warnings and drastic moves, after which the process was repeated.

The Russians may not have anticipated the vigorous American reaction to the Korean invasion. But committal of most available United States re-

serves to the Korean struggle has created a situation of which the astute Kremlin leaders will take full advantage. Should the United States be compelled to throw more forces into other diversions against Soviet satellites, while the Soviet armies remain unengaged, the Russians may drive virtually unopposed and with overwhelming striking power at their main objectives. Washington leaders profess to be aware of this possibility, but no measures adequate to counter the threat have been proposed.

The world has now moved from the half-light of false peace into the penumbra of the final armed struggle for world domination. The Kremlin sees its objectives clearly. The Western Anglo-Saxon Powers, paying lip service only to a dilute and effete version of their Christian faith, fail to grasp the scope of the struggle or the imminence of the peril which would sweep them from existence but for the promised intervention of the God of Israel.

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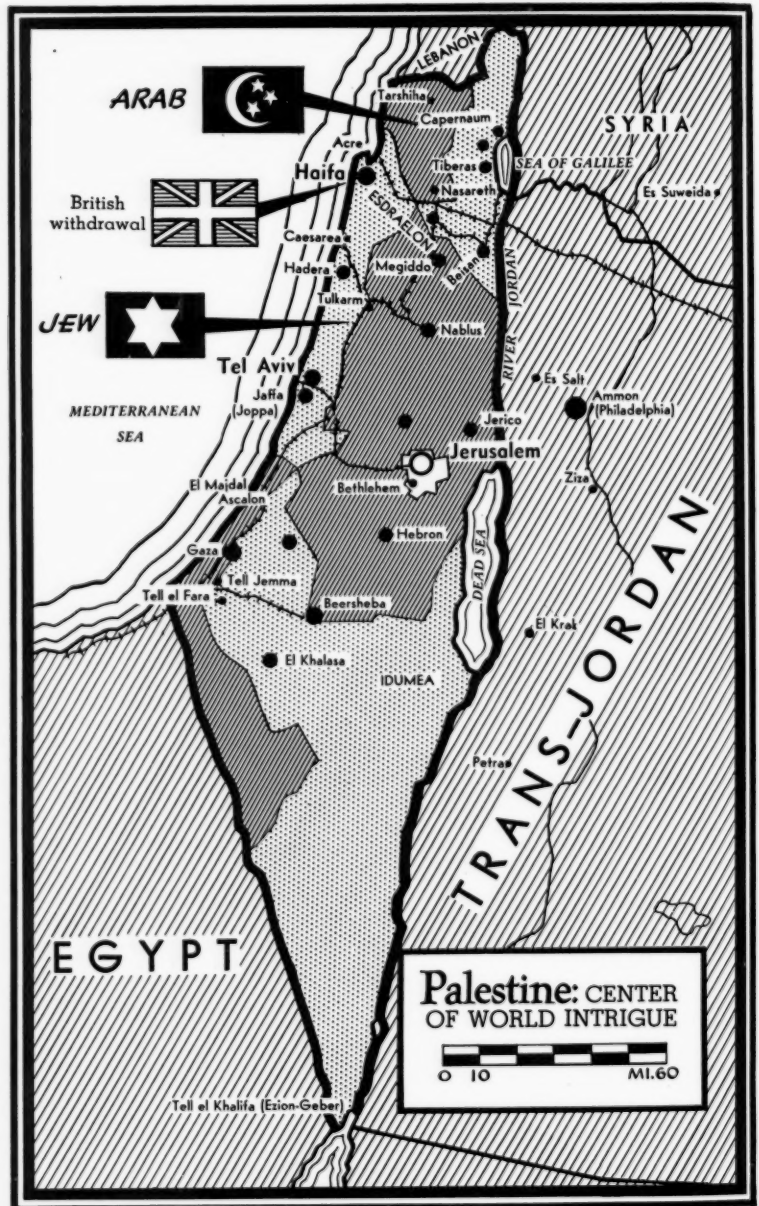
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